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High-spending euro states face heavy fines

IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN countries that fail to control their budget deficits after joining a single currency will face heavy and repeated fines, under proposals to be put forward by the uropean Commission today.

Fines could accumulate beyond 1 per cent of Gross Domestic Product for states that persistently fail to correct excessive deficits after being ruled out of line.

past year, largely under German pressure, and is expected to be

adopted today.

The so-called stability pact is deemed vital by Germany to ensure that the euro remains as strong as the mark after it replaces national currencies on January 1, 1999. But Italy, Spain and other countries making fierce efforts to squeeze through the EMU entry test have qualms about a perma-

prospect that most of the EU's 15 EMU entry set out in the Maasstates will qualify to join the tricht treaty. If such states falled to states will qualify to join the currency in 1999. Germany is increasingly worried that some members with shakier economies may - with effort and creative accounting - manage to squeak into the euro only to revert to bad habits once inside its zone.

Under the Commission's draft, which is likely to be modified before final approval by EU leaders in December, delinquent states ruled out of line.

The system of semi-automatic sanctions against high-spending nent fiscal straitjacket.

A rush to austerity across Europe ing if their budget deficits exceeded in recent weeks has raised the 3 per cent of GDP—the ceiling for

reduce the deficit, the Council of Ministers would order them to deposit between 0.2 per cent and 0.5 per cent of GDP to a noninterest-bearing account at the European Central Bank. A rising scale would be applied to punish gross overspenders more heavily. States that exceeded the Maastricht criteria for national debt would be subjected to a straight 0.2 per cent deposit, if a member state still failed to bring its deficit below 3 per cent in two years, the funds would be seized and contributed to the EU budget as a fine and a further; deposit immediately demanded The process would continue until the deficit was brought down.

EU ministers and Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the monerary com-missioner, insist that the scheme is designed as a deterrent whose success will be proved if it is never used. However, the creation of such a disciplinary mechanism is sowing fears around Europe because it will further trim governments' sovereignty over fiscal policy - states will not be able to argue forced them to overspend. The Commission's draft con-

cedes that the sanctions should not .. apply in exceptional and tempo rary circumstances beyond the control of a national government, but an exact definition of those circumstances has yet to be resolved. It could cover natural disasters, serious recessions or shocks such as the oil price explosion in the 1970s.

Although the German finance minister Theo Waigel had sought

German officials are pleased that the rest of the EU has swung round to a scheme privately dismissed as unworkable last year.

The Commission will also be

issuing its proposals for reinforcing budgetary discipline in countries that aspire to EU membership but fail to qualify. Part of the system will be a new exchange-rate mechanism to harness currencies outside the euro zone to the single currency. The new-look ERM is backed by all EU states except Britain

School voucher

scheme upsets

Tory councils

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TWO Conservative councils

which test-ran the Government's nursery voucher scheme will say today that it wastes teachers' time, con-

fuses parents and is unlikely

to increase the number of

private mursery places in de-

Wandsworth and Westmin-

ster councils, which pride-

themselves on pursuing radical Tory policies, will voice

their concerns at a Commons

select committee. The Times

has also learnt that Norfolk,

another of the four pilot areas

and home county of Gillian Shephard, the Education and

Employment Secretary, also has reservations.

Criticista from such unex-

pected quarters as Wands-

worth and Westminster will

give further ammunition to

those who oppose government.

of the £730 million scheme in

ministers who regard the

scheme as a key general

Under the scheme, parents

of all four-year-olds will re-

ceive vouchers worth E1,100

towards a nursery place at

private or state schools or

playgroups. Three quarters of

election vote winner.

April But it will not deter

prived areas.

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the money will be taken from

local authority budgets and £165 million will be new gov-

Westminster's report to to

day's Education and Employ-

ment select committee hearing

says: Teachers have had to be

diverted from their teaching

and much pressure exerted on

parems ... Concerns about

bureaucracy and current level

of provision are inherent in

the scheme." It adds: "Market

forces on their own will not

address shortage of places in

Wandsworth Council says:

The demands of the voucher

collection cannot be underesti-mated. The suspicion is that

many children will face the

Michael Edwards. Norfolk

county education officer, said the council's verdict was that

the scheme was "not unwork-

able". Extra local authority

places had been created; but

some at the expense of six private ourseries that had

Robin Squire, the Education

Minister, said the experience

of the trial areas would help to

iron our problems before the

scheme went national.

been forced out of business.

possibility of a lower standard

areas of deprivation."

of nursery education."

ernment funding.

Ministers opt to extend handgun ban

AN ABSOLUTE ban on the most dangerous handguns, including semi-automatics of the type used by Thomas Hamilton in the Dunblane massacre, is to be announced

As expected, people will no longer be allowed to keep any handgun at home, but the Government is also going beyond the Cullen inquiry's recommendations and prohibiting the use of larger repeating handguns anywhere — except by the police and armed

The Government intends to shoot the 22 pistols used in Olympic competition and lower calibre weapons at clubs. But even that might be forbidden if enough Conservative MPs support the approach agreed by Labour yesterday.

As Cabinet ministers were considering their response to Lord Cullen's Dunblane report, Labour shifted its stance to favour of a complete ban on the ownership and use of any handgun by non-professionals. A number of Conservatives also support that policy and — depending on the stance of the Ulster Unionists - the Commons could well vote for the full ban when the legislation comes forward lat-

Yesterday the Tory MPs Hugh Dykes and Robert Hughes signed a cross-party early-day motion calling for such a ban "in the interests of public safety". Mr Dykes said:
"It is really to focus the debate very strongly on this growing perception amongst the public that nothing less than the complete prohibition on the Aprivate ownership and use of handguns will do."

Both the Government and

In-store GPs

Supermarkets will be free to

run doctors' surgeries, under proposals to deregulate GP

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Forsyth: victory over

Labour would allow exceptions for professionals such as veterinary surgeons, the police, the military or seafarers firing distress flares.

Labour's change of stance came after Tony Blair met Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, and George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, yesterday afternoon. Labour sources said that the party had already been "seven-eighths of the way" to backing a full ban. The only possible exception had been for single shot handguns under 22 calibre but, having listened to police advice and public opinion, it was now likely that Labour would come out for a complete

Labour has been clearly been influenced by the emotional appearance of the Snowdrop campaign's Ann Pearston at the Blackpool conference two weeks ago, and the Conservatives are certain to accuse the party of blatant opportunism.

Labour, however, argued last night that the Government had moved beyond the original plao to ban home

because of Labour pressure. The Government's position, while angering the gun lobby. will go some way towards meeting the concerns of antihandgun groups and is a victory for Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, over more cautious members of the Cabinet, which yesterday spent 90 minutes discussing Lord Cullen's report into the schoolroom massacre of 16 children and their teacher. The response will be announced with the 200 page report today.

the Cabinet had agreed "a substantive and very considered response". Asked if ministers were happy with Lord Cullen's report, the spokesman said: "He has done a very careful and thorough job and presented a long report which

addresses a lot of issues." The handguns ministers want banned include all large calibre pistols and revolvers. which have a small but dedicated following in this country. Apart from a very few specialist weapons and antique flintlocks, the vast majority of modern handguns with calibres above .22 calibre are able to take several rounds, from traditional sixshooter revolvers to semiautomatic pistols whose magazines can hold 13 or more

Enthusiasts determined to hang on to their handguns may find it possible to have them adapted to take only a single shot or have the barrel replaced with one of the smaller calibre. Most, however, are likely to give up their sport in disgust as opportunities to shoot their weapons disappear.



Alison Radbourne hugs her daughter Ann-Marie in Exeter yesterday

Girl, 10, reunited with mother

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl who disappeared with her family lodger was reunited with her mother yesterday after police sponed the couple walking along a road in Exeter (Joanna

Ann-Marie Radbourne and Fleming, who was on his way Paul Husbands. 51, were to a court case, said later: "We Ann-Marie Radbourne and

found by two Ministry of. Defence police. The girl was well but bungry after being away from her Paignton home since Sunday. She had slept in-

derelict buildings. Detective . Constable · Fred

with a young girl did not seem right. Ann-Marie was very quiet but not frightened or distressed. Both were taken to the city's Heavitree police

A man was later arrested on suspicion of abduction.

Passenger goes berserk on Atlantic flight

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

SIX passengers on a Virgin Atlantic jet yesterday joined in a terrifying mid-air struggle to control an American who went berserk at 30,000ft, half-

way across the Atlantic. The New Yorker, 37, was flying in the premium economy section of flight VS076 from Orlando to Manchester when he allegedly began lashing out wildly. Attempts by the crew to restrain him failed managed to fight his way out of nylon and metal handcuffs that had been used to strap

him to his seat. As the captain made preparations to make an emergency landing at Shannon airport. the man was subdued when Paul Hogan, another pass-



passenger in the face enger, punched him and

broke his nose. Police met the plane at the airport and took a man away in handcuffs. Richard Branson, the chairman of Virgin, last night wrote



to the passengers to thank them for their courage and the

crew paid tribute to Mr Ho-

gan, 32. However. Mr Hogan,

wearing a blood-spattered T-

to be frightened. I was thinking about my family and all the other passengers."

Mr Hogan, a car salesman from Bradford, west Yorkshire, was returning from two

shirt, said: "I didn't have time

weeks in the United States with his wife. Tracey, and son. Daniel, 12. "I noticed the man about four hours before we were due to land. He was arguing with the stewards," he said. "Then he walked up through the premium class cahin towards the cockpit. I stuck my head behind the curtain because I thought there was going to be trouble."

James Mulaby from Palm Coast, Florida, was last night charged with endangering an aircraft and being drunk on board an aircraft. He is due to appear in court at Manchester today.

Markets and pound surge

Confidence in Britain's economic policies yesterday pro-pelled the pound to its best level against the mark for nearly two years and the stock market to another record.

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Speaker permits Willetts inquiry

The Speaker has paved the way for an inquiry into allega-tions that David Willetts, the Paymaster General, tried to influence an independent Commons investigation into the cash-for-questions affair. MPs are expected to support the montry today Page 2

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PARTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Milk and orange juice

'bring on hyperactivity'

Mothers who encourage children to drink milk and orange

juice may be stimulating hyperactivity, a conference in London was told yesterday. Professor Joseph Egger, of the

University Children's Hospital in Munich, said that both

could contribute to behavioural problems in some children.

His research has shown that chemical additives such as

colourings are the commonest causes, followed by cow's milk,

chocolate, wheat-based products and circus fruit, including juices. One in twenty schoolchildren in Europe suffered from

the problem, he told the inaugural meeting of the Allergy

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff said last night that any future gov-

ernment would have to spend "billions" to improve education

standards. However, the former Labour Prime Minister, speaking at the University of London's Institute of Education,

said Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, was right not to give any spending commitments before he "sees the books".

the fall during an art class at Currie High School, Edinburgh. The head teacher described his death as "a tragic

Six in contest for pedestrian bridge Six groups of architects, artists and engineers have been

shorilisted to build an £8 million pedestrian bridge linking St

Paul's Cathedral with the new Tale Gallery of Modern Art on

London's South Bank. The scheme is being promoted by the City Corporation. Southwark council and the Financial Times. The winner is to be announced in December.

Ways to expedite the progress of cases awaiting trial will be

examined in a joint review involving the Home Office, the

Lord Chancellor's Department, the Attorney-General and the

Crown Prosecution Service, Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, announced yesterday. The review will look first at

Bill to close loan fraud loophole

Proposals from the Law Commission for new laws to close a

loophole hampering efforts to prosecute mortgage fraud are likely to be adopted as a Private Member's Bill in the next

parliamentary session. In July the law lords ruled that when

money is passed between bank accounts there is no identifiable property involved, making prosecution harder.

An advertisement featuring a view of a bull's testicles and

describing meat as "disgusting" has been banned by the Advertising Standards Authority after complaints from the National Farmers' Union and the Meat and Livestock Commission. It had been part of an anti-meat campaign by

Move to control alco-pop sales

Sainsbury's has come up with a technique intended to alert

its staff to attempts by under-age drinkers to buy alco-pops. Normally an electronic eye scans the product bar code as it

goes through the checkout but the computer has been changed to reject the code. Staff have been told to check the

Law Society issues wills warning

customer then and call a senior manager if necessary.

Vegetarian advert banned

Howard to tackle legal delays

accident. Police are investigating.

the magistrates' courts.

the Vegetarian Society.

Pupil dies in fall from window Children were sent home from school after a 13-year-old boy plunged to his death from a third-floor window. Craig McLennan, a second-year pupil, died from head injuries after

Callaghan call over education

Research Foundation.

False prophets lose plot in repeat farce

waited all summer for this? At their first Prime Minister's Questions since July, John Major and Tooy Blair bored the pants off us.

A thousand days to prepare for a thousand years!" the Labour leader had been crying, by the seashore. a fortnight earlier. That thousand days begins now. One had hoped Mr Blair might have marked the event by kicking off his final stint crying in the Westminster wilderness dressed for the part. "His raiment was made from camels' hair and a leathern girdle about his loins," says the Good Book "and his meat was locusts and wild honey". But Mr Blair's

Armani and a silken necktie about his collar. Upon the dispatch box. no stone platter. no locusts, no honey. No beard, either. His hair was by Michaeljohn (£60).

"A buccaneering spirit." Mr Major had promised us not a week ago, at Bournemouth. "gritty resolve". "I'll be out there among you!" How then would he greet the start of his last stint before the prize fight? Would he come swaggering on wrapped in a hooded dressing gown, hair tousled, shadow boxing? No. His raiment was made from wool worsted (Austin Reed) and a nicely pressed white shirt about his breast. Mr Major's hair was by Trump-



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

ers (£19.50 with shampoo). So the signs were not good. Still, we thought, perhaps the fireworks will be verbal.

The first question was from Scottisb Labour's rogueishly likeable Ronnie Campbell (Blyth Valley), the only MP known to have a tattoo. 'As a working-class warrior my-self," he began — then made as to remove his jacket. "I'll take my coat off," he nodded to the Prime Minister. A good start, but his question was routine, about Major's children's private education. Mr

Major's answer was routing too - about Blair's child's private education. Things

were going downhill.
Up got Tony Blair. Count-down: 5-4-3-2-1 . . . start of the Thousand Days. Total down. The Labour leader bleated away about the failings of the internal market in the health service — words such as "disgrace", "crisis" and "fundamental damage" thudding harmlessly into the leather seathacks.

Up got Mr Major. Count-down: 5-4-3-1 ... start of the

letdown. The Prime Minister droned oo interminably about expenditure, waiting lists and numbers of staff meaningless statistics ricocheting emptily around the Chamber's walls, "The Rt Hon Gentleman is

quite wrong ... (Major); "I really do not know how he can dare mention dentistry ..." (Blair). To MPs without nomber is granted the gift of boring us at length and for hours. Only to a rare few is granted the gift of boring us briefly and at once. Blair and

Major are among them.
They were joined yesterday
in this Mission to Bore by
Paddy Ashdown. Mr Ashdown, after years of crack.

training in the Special Boat Squadron, can bore at a single glance, "A simple question," announced the Liberal Democrat leader, "of general principle." Frankly Mr Ashdown is safest when he sticks to these. Heaven protect him from the hour when he is obliged to put a complex question of practical application.

I cannot remember his question yesterday. Like those small darts with which they stun wild animals before capturing them, the little pro-logues that berald Mx Ashdown's questions somehow anaesthetise the listener before the main thrust.

The session was without interest. One day down, 999 to go. Cripes.



Speaker allows inquiry into sleaze allegations

the memo, suggested to Sir THE Speaker yesterday paved the way for an inquiry into allegations that a government minister tried to influence an independent Commons invesrigation into the cash-for-ques-

MPs are expected to support a Commons motion today to enable an inquiry into the conduct of David Willetts, the Paymaster General, and a close ally of the Prime Minister. The newly formed Select Committee on Standards and Privileges will examine a memo written by Mr Willetts. when a junior Whip, about a conversation with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the now defunct Select Committee on Members' interests. which was investigating the Hamilton, the former Trade

Geoffrey "exploiting the good Tory majority on the committee to ensure the issue was deals with as quickly as possible, or deferring an investigation because of Mr Hamilton's pending libel trial against The Guardian, which collapsed two weeks ago. Mr Willetts said last night: "I will help the committee in any way

Betty Boothroyd, announcing her decision, said that she had received a complaint from Andrew Miller (Labour, Ellesmere Port and Neston) that "improper pressure" was brought to bear on the Select Committee on Members' Interests in 1994. She said: "I'm satisfied that the matter should have the precedence accorded to matters of privilege. He is thus entitled to

motion will suggest that there is a prima facie case for Mr Willetts to answer. dards and Privileges was

meeting last night to endorse

ation by the House." The

pleas from Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner on Standards and Privileges, for extra resources and staff to enable him to conduct a wide-ranging inquiry. Sir Gordon will be given power to cross-examine witnesses under oath and he will have independent counsel, rather than government lawyers, to advise him on legal issues. In a statement last night, Tony Newton, the committee chairman, said that Sir Gordon would also have power to call for witnesses and

confidential papers. quires further clarification on

public, with witnesses entitled to be legally represented. It raises the prospect of Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, and Ian Greer, the lobbyist, being ordered to appear before the committee, whose proceedings might be televised. Sir Geoffrey, who is a

member of the new Commons from the deliberations on Mr Willetts's memo. The committee has a Conservative

majority.
Paddy Ashdown, the Lib-eral Democrat leader, speaking on Channel 4 News last night, said: "It is vital that it is dealt with in a way which clears up the mess no matter how deep it goes."

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David Willetts: memo suggested using Tory majority

Verdict on MPs' conduct will take up to four months

and Privileges agreed last night the terms of reference for the inquiry into the Hamilton affair.

The provisional timetable is: ☐ Today: The committee will publish a report recommending greater resources for Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. More staff, legal assistance and possibly an extension of his four-day week are among the mea-sures being planned. The Commons is also expected to ask the committee to investigate allegations that David Willetts tried to influence a select committee inquiry into the allegadons against Neil Hamilton.

This month: Sir Gordon will submit to the committee his timetable for an investigation into the allegations, which are expected to involve about 30 MPs. Most are those 24 whose constituencies accepted payments towards election expenses from lan Greer's firm.

However, Sir Gordon has also been asked to conduct a more complex inquiry into individual MPs, including Mr Hamilton and Tim Smith, a former. Northern Ireland minister who resigned after admitting receiving payments to ask

questions. He must also investigate the allegations about Mohamed Al Fayed, Mr Greer and their links with

☐ Early November: The Committee will open its inquiry into Mr Willetts. calling the former whip to give evidence, probably in private. ☐ December: The earliest that MPs expect to have any report from Sir

Gordon. The MPs hope that the by a debate in the House.

inquiry into Mr Willetts will have been completed. ☐ January: Likely delivery of Sir Gordon's full report, which will include his decision on whether Commons rules have been breached. ☐-February: Expected completion of

the whole inquiry, with recommend-ed sanctions against any MPs in breach of Commons rules, followed

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Howard's parole plan 'a mistake

BY RICHARD FORD

A PLAN to abolish parole for long-term prisoners would increase the risk to the public from dangerous criminals, according to the Parole Board.

The board accused Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, of making a "grave mistake" in planning to change the release system for the most persistent and dangerous criminals in England and Wales. In its annual report it said he would fail in his aim to provide greater protection to

the public. It said that dismantling the system that makes detailed risk assessment on long-term prisoners would "increase the risk of re-offending and fur-ther prejudice the safety of the

Mr Howard plans to scrap discretionary parole for in-mates serving four years of more, as well as introducing minimum jail terms for thirdtime drug dealers and house burglars. Parole will be abol-ished and be replaced by a system under which inmates will be released early on the basis of days carned for good

Major hints at reform to rape law

day said that the Government underwent lengthy cross ex-aminations in rape trials. In Prime Minister's Questions he said he found the case of the woman cross cramined by the accused rapist particularly worrying. The womao was interrogated by the rapist while he was dressed in the clothes he wore when he attacked her.

where a woman was crossexamined for twelve days by lawyers action for six defendents. Tory backbenchers have been waging a campaign for tougher laws on rapists and new regulations preventing rape victims from being too traumatised in court. They are concerned that victims will oot come forward if they believe they are going to be further ha-rassed by defence lawyers.

By ALICE THOMSON

THE Prime Minister yester was considering action to reform court proceedings after several high-profile cases involving rape victims.

John Major said he felt sympathy for women who

Mr Major said he was also coocerned about the case

Two-thirds of adults have not organised a proper will. creating a potential legacy of confusion, wrangling and court action for the surviving partner, the Law Society said yesterday. If an unmarried person dies intestate, his partner may have to go to court to secure a share of the estate, since automatically go to the surviving partner.

Postgraduates deterred by debts

Thousands of students are abandoning plans for postgraduate study because they need to take the first job they can find after their degree to pay off debts, the Institute of Employment Research at Warwick University said. It said that a third of students in their final year last summer wanted to continue studying but one fifth could not afford to.

Four years for teenage robbers

Two young armed robbers raised in the Surrey stockbroker belt have been detained for four years after a bungled raid on a superstore using a 17th-century shotgun and and a replica gun. William Gradidge, 18, and Paul Marriage, also 18, pleaded guilty. Gradidge had recently been on a skiing holiday and had more than £400 in savings.

Tower of London's new site

Alan Percy, from Sidcup, Kent, is using an Internet website named Tower of London Co to sell chunks of rubble from the Tower of London at £4 each. He removed four tonnes of it legitimately during restoration work in 1984. The Historic Royal Palaces Agency is investigating Mr Percy's use of the

Ancient 'sky burials' site found

Archaeologists have found a platform for "sky burials" in Derbyshire, where prehistoric man laid out his dead to be picked clean by animals. Hundreds of human teeth and bones have been found at the site, near Longstone Rake in the Peak District. It is thought to date from the Middle Neolithic period, about 5,000 years ago. Only one other "excarnation" site is known in England. The custom of laying out the dead for birds to clean is still practised by Parsees in India.

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Drink

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By DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE more an unemployed

man drinks the better are his chances of finding a job.

Researchers working on be-

half of the Employment Ser-

vice were surprised to discover

a link between alcohol con-

sumption and escaping the

dote queue. They believe that

men who spend more time in

the pub are meeting people

who can help them to find

work. People who drink could

also be more outward-going

and sociable than those who

"We are not saving that

winos are every employer's dream," said Joan Payne, a

senior research fellow who

combed through the records of

nearly (5,000 people, "Proba-

bly what is happening is that a

lot of jobs are got informally

through asking friends and

getting into networks. The pub is a very big centre of these

The figures suggest that em-

ployment prospects improve

with every drink. A sensible

drinker, who has between sev-

en and 21 units per week,

increases his chances of find-

ing a job by 21 per cent over a

man who drinks little or noth-

ing. The hard drinker, who

exceeds the Government's "sensible drinking" limit of 21

units per week, is even better

off. He has a 30 per cent

increased prospect of employ-

ment over the tectotaller or low

drinker. One unit of alcohol is

glass of wine or spirits or half

a pint of beer.
The Policy Studies Institute, an independent research body

that prepared the report for the Covernment, was last night

the toast of some of the nation's

best-known occasional drinkers. The broadcaster Terry

Wogan said: "There is a long-

standing tradition in radio and television of having a lot of

time on your hands and hang-

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Geordies take on East End in battle of the soap operas

TYNESIDE is in be the latest banleground in the ratings war among television soap uperas. A new programme, already dubbed North-EastEnders, is being launched by ITV to tackle East-Enders, the BBC's flagship series.

Quovside intends to be different to its rivals, which are mostly set in the nondescript backstreets of the inner city. Although its makers deny it is a yuppie sump, its characters are distinctly upwardly mobile and the show is aimed at the 20- to 30-something age group.

The lication is the Quayside quarter of Newcastle upon Tyne, until recently a semi-deteller industrial mess sprawling along the river under the city's famous conthanger" bridge

Much like the Docklands of east London, millions of pounds have been spent rejuvenating the site and it is now a hive of smart restaurants, cosmopolitan bars and stylish homes, it also has a burgeoning commercial heart, mainly involved in professional and high-tech businesses.

Instead of the Queen Vic, the EastEnders cockney pub, there is Mal's Bar, where drinkers are as likely to ask for a Bloody Mary as a Brown Ale. And the characters are more likely to be networking on the mobile than gossiping in the laundrene.

Quorside starts on January 7 in the Tyne-Tees region, broadcasting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same time as EastEnders, which last week toppled Commorion Street as the nation's frourite soap. After a four-month trial ITV hopes to launch it nationally. It is a co-production by Tyne-Tees, receruly renamed Channel 3 North-East, and the independent programme maker Zenith North, responsible for several Geordiebased successes including the children's supp Byker Grove and adaptations of Catherine

Cookson's novels.

Matthew Robinson, its producer and director, said it would not tackle controversial issues such as the Brookside incest storyline or Mark Fowler's banle with HIV in EastEnders. Mr Robinson, who has already worked on more than 500 episodes of Coronation Street. EastEnders and Emmerdale, said: Quayside will be a leel-good soup. No issue, no doom, no gloom, you can get that on every other channel. We will be reflecting law vibrant an area the Quayside is, it will be an accurate reflection of what life in Newcastle and the Quayside is like

"It will be about relationships and fun. The characters will be anractive, dare I say sexy. We want the viewers to climb through their TV screens and join in the fun."

One of the early storylines will focus on a love triangle involving the bar's owner, Malcolm Shepherd, a former soccer star, his fiancie, Nicole Sexton, an aspiring 19-year-old model, and Caitlin Kennedy, who sets up a special events firm next door.

Nicole soon ends up in the arms of the bar doorman, Carl Bugle, played by Glenn McCrory, a former world cruiserweight boxing champion turned actor and Sky TV commentator. He was recently offered a 16-month contract with

the Royal Shakespeare Company and once auditioned for the part of James Bond in GoldenEve, which eventually went to Pierce Brosnan.

Nicole's part of a hubbly partygirl who loves to be seen in Newcastle's trendiest nightspots is played by Emma-Luuise Webb. She said: "Nicole is a model whn is a bit scatter-brained and naive, the sort of girl who gets exated by the easiest thing and wants to be in the

big time.
"I know Curonation Street and EustEnders are the big samps but I think Quayside will be a big hit with viewers." Mr Robinson said: The love triangle between Nicole. Mal and Caitlin will be the strongest storyline running through the show, but there will be loss of other twists and turns to keep everyone guessing.
"We will be going out head to

head against EastEnders. That is a challenge, but one we relish. We don't have the budget the bigger soaps have, but I think there is room for a different type of soap and Quoyside fits the bill.

"It's a very young cast and they all come from the North. The first episode will contain a real twist but it's important we make the second episode a cracker so the audience keep coming back.

Mal Shepherd, played by Joe Calfrey, is a good-looking former Newcastle United footballer who set up his bar after injury ended his playing career. Dean Atkinson plays Luke Shepherd. Mal's younger brother who wants to be a media star.

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Glenn McCrory as doorman Carl Bugle and Emma Louise-Webb as Nicole in Quayside

Couple's office tiff 'ended in 65mph chase'

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COMPANY director chased his wife's car down a busy road and rammed her into a ditch after an argument at the office, a court was told yesterday.

Foster chased his wile Yvonne's Chroën AX bumper to bumper for four miles before hitting her car sideways with the bullbars of his Izuzu Trooper, it was alleged at Teesside Crown Court.

The impact was said to have lifted the Citroen's wheels off the ground, forcing it to veer past the Trooper and somersault into the

offside verge of the Al71 coastal road road near Whitby. North Yorkshire.

Simon Hickey, for the prosecu-, again.

They filled my rear-view mirtion, told the court that Mr Foster, 43, from Staintondale, near Scarborough, helped to rescue his wife she refused to speak to him, he sped off to Whitby, where he was arrested by police.

John Philliban, 29, an officer in

the RAF, said that he had thought the couple were playing a game of chase when he saw Mrs Foster. looking "quite agitated", overtake his Peugeot on the road, followed shortly by the Trooper, which had

its lights blazing. Mr Philliban overtook the cars to get out of the way but they soon gained on him

ror." Mr Philliban rold the jury. "I saw the Isuzu literally slam into the causing it to swerve. She was trying to keep straight. It was pushing on the side of the Citroen. The Citroen just slewed across the Isuzu on two wheels. Then, as all the wheels his the road, it shot off, hit the kerb and somersaulted, ending upside down

"I did a U-turn and when ! reached it there was smoke coming

driver was trapped inside, very

He and other motorists, including Mr Foster, pushed the car back onto its four wheels, the court was told. Mr Foster then attempted calling out "Yvonne". Mr Philliban

"She became even more hysterial saying, 'Keep him away from me. He tried to drive me off the road." He was screaming, 'I just want to sort this out. Will you not talk to

Mrs Foster climbed into the back seat of another woman's car after

from the vehicle and the woman her husband drove away. Then he returned, and got into the passen-ger seat of the Citroen, Mr Philliban sald. "I asked him to come out of the vehicle, which he did unwillingly, saying, 'She's going to tell the police everything

Mr Hickey told the jury that when interviewed by police after the incident on December 4 last year. Mr Foster said he had followed his wife after she sped away from their offices because he was worried she would have an accident. He denies one charge of dangerous driving.

The case continues

Firm beats **Spanish** imposition

BY ROBIN YOUNG

turers yesterday defeated Spanish rivals trying to force them to change the name of their product. Julian Temperley, of the Somer set Cider Brandy Company, had feared his firm would be forced out of business after investing more than £500,000 in marketing Royal

& Brooks, and by Harrods and Fortnum & Mason. Spanish brandy makers complained to the European Union that the term brandy should be used only for spirits distilled from grapes, and their case was supported by the Scotch Whisky

sold by the royal vintners Justerini

Mr Temperley, however, was able to prove that the term 'cider brandy', coined by Bertram Bulmer in the 1970s for King Offa Cider Brandy and sold through the Bulmer Cider Museum in Hereford, derived from an historic tradition of apple brandy manufac-ture in Britain. The claim was backed by a book dating from 1678, describing the process.

Mr Temperley, 51, said yesterday: This has secured our future into the next century."

drinking done.
In the BBC club, where used to meet and greet ood another, many a programme commission changed hands over a foaming beaker. "It never happened to me Somerset Clder Brandy, which is

certainly not going to admit il now — but in our business it has probably happened that one drinker has said to another: 'Here's a 13-week contract.' Why not?' The publisher Leo Cooper

admits to the "odd tip-off" about a career move from a drinking contact but would not recommend anyone to try to drink their way into a job. "I suppose it could be down to false confidence. The question is how long do you last when you have got the job? People may drink to go to an interview to boost themselves but if they bave to do that then they will t rumbled soon.

There are an enormous number of drunks in my business and they are all the more cheerful people that I know. Not many of them are in full-time employment."

Missing £1.50 calculator puts policeman in dock



PC Whitfield outside court with his wife, Carrie

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A POLICEMAN went on trial yesterday accused of stealing a calculator worth £1.50 after he was allegedly caught by a surveillance camera in his

Colleagues of PC Andrew Whitfield installed the hidden camera in an office when they became irritated by a series of petty thefts. It recorded the 30year-old married officer pocketing the PC Whitfield, who has been sus-

pended on full pay from his £20,000-ayear job since February last year. denies theft, claiming he only bor-

rowed it to do the police football club accounts and forgot to bring it back. James Goss, for the prosecution told Leeds Crown Court: "Considered objectively, a case of theft of such a small pocket calculator of such a low value is a minor offence ... However

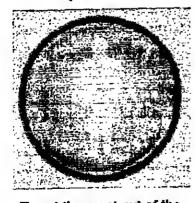
any allegation of any crime must be

considered serious and this case is no exception." PC Whitfield's job was in jeopardy if he was found guilty. PC Whitfield, of Wakefield, was serving at the time with the West Yorkshire force at Dewsbury. Mr Goss said that items had gone missing from the report-writing room and

surveillance equipment was set up in

January last year. A month later the calculator disappeared from a leather wallet in the room. When the video was studied PC Whitfield was shown to be the culprit. Yet when he and other officers on his shift were asked about its disappearance at a briefing, he said nothing. He was arrested on February 15 and

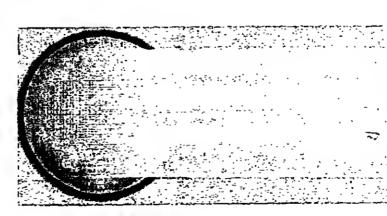
a search of his home found the calculator. He admined borrowing it to do the lootball accounts. "Yet when checked there was one simple arithmetical error that il a calculator had been used would not have been made," Mr Goss said. The trial



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Breakthrough in Stormont talks overshadowed by acrimony over loyalist plan for Bogside parade

Violence feared as **Apprentice Boys** announce march

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

FEARS rose yesterday of a renewed outbreak of violent Ireland this weekend after loyalists announced their intention to march along a contentious section of Londonderry's historic walls.

The decision by the Apprentice Boys cast a shadow over the multiparty talks at Stor-mont where Unionists and nationalists finally reached agreement on an agenda early yesterday morning. The agenda, tabled jointly by the Ulster Unionists and the Social Democratic and Labour Party. downgraded discussions on the disarming of terrorists. This allowed the nine parties at the talks to outline their positions on wider issues yesterday before turning their attention to disarmament. The Democratic Unionists and the United Kingdom Unionists made clear their

anger with the new agenda. As ministers greeted the agreement, nationalists and Unionists in Londonderry dashed over the decision of the Apprentice Boys to march around the city's walls this Saturday, including a stretch overlooking the nationalist Bogside area. The loyalists, who were banned by the RUC from marching along the quarter-mile section in August, also told the police that they intended to parade along the walls on every Saturday until Christmas.

Donncha MacNiallais, the spokesman for the nationalist Bogside Residents' Group, said: "I am not saying that the march won't pass off peacefully. But I am saying that in many ways people will regard this as a confrontational matter because the Apprentice Boys refused to discuss the matter with us."

William Hay, an Apprentice Boy and Democratic Unionist councillor in Londonderry, said there was linle point in talking to the residents' group because they had refused to agree to a compromise over the loyalist march in August. He said: "The Apprentice Boys are exercising their civil and religious liberties to parade the historic walls of Londonderry. Surely an organisation that has shown responsibility should be allowed to celebrate their culture and their tradition in the way they have done

for 300 years. The tensions between the two sides yesterday served as a grint reminder of this sumwidespread distur-

bances between nationalists and Unionists during the loyalist marching season. Violence between the Apprentice Boys and the nationalists of the Bogside was averted in August only after Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, ordered that the contentious section of the walls be sealed three days

before the march. His decision infuriated loyalists who have now carried out their threat to march along Siege of Londonderry in 1689. If the march is allowed to go ahead, 200 marchers, from the various clubs of the Appren-tice Boys, will take to the walls on Saturday morning.

The gloom of last week, after the IRA's bomb attack on the Army's Northern Ireland headquarters in Lisburn, Co Antrim, had lifted over the weekend when loyalist terrorists made clear that they would maintain their ceasefire for the moment. But the upbeat mood, which was improved by the agreement at Stormont, has been seriously undermined by the spectre of renewed clashes in Londonderry after the loyalists' decision, which many nationalists condemned as provocative.



The Apprentice Boys in Londonderry on Saturday. Their decision to march around the city's walls has cast a shadow over multiparty talks

Signs of hope visible on long road to peace

INCH by painful inch, a genuine peace process appears to be advancing. The language of "breakthrough" that accompanied the announcement of agreement between the SDLP and the Ulster Unionists overstates what has been achieved

No settlement is yet in sight in Ulster. But the accord reached by Seamus Mallon and David Trimble goes beyond the clearing of a procedural obstacle. The agreement be-tween Ulster's moderate Unionists and nationalists not to allow discussion over the decommissioning of weapons to impede talks may seem another concession to the IRA.

But the agreement seems less a surrender to republicanism than an outflanking. The last week has been a bad one for the IRA. Although in its Agreement between the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP on an agenda for talks is less a surrender to the IRA than an attempt to outflank it, Michael Gove writes

military audacity the Lisburn bomb seemed an impressive coup, politically it has undermined the republicans. It provoked a strong personal attack on Gerry Adams from John Major and also led the Irish Prime Minister to denounce the IRA as "fascist". It unsettled loyalist paramilitaries but they have, so far, not risen to the bait by ending their ceasefire.

The respect across communities for the loyalists' discipline has been matched with disillusionment among "middle Ireland" that the IRA should

have started bombing in Ulster again. Moderate Irish opinion was of disgust and concern. IRA bombs in Ulster could soon trigger loyalist bombs in the Republic. The operational weak-ness of the Provisionals and their waning influence has made military defeat of the IRA a possibility, in the minds of some strategists, for the first time since the Seventies.

More important is their political marginalisation. David Trimble's willingness to compromise springs

Irish nationalists. Neither Dublin nor the SDLP seem prepared, as in the past, to allow progress to be impeded by a desire to court the IRA.

Although John Hume, the SDLP ader, hankers after another ceasefire on almost any terms, the momentum is now with Seamus Mallon, his deputy, who has expressed privately his commitment to finding common ground with Unionists.

Dublin has joined London in insisting any new IRA ceasefire is "dependand John Bruton last week was at pains to assuage Unionist concerns. rejecting the notion that Irish nationlists were a "hostile monolith".

There are still a great many difficult issues to resolve but if those committed to democracy concentrate on working together, then there is hope.

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Fathers seek more time off at births

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE tiredness and loneliness felt by many new fathers are paternity leave in Britain. according to a survey pub-

lished last night.

Of 420 men questioned by the Royal College of Midwives and the National Childbirth Trust, 93 per cent complained of tiredness after sleepless nights and 60 per cent of loneliness. Such feelings, the survey says, were compounded by the lack of paternity leave, which prevented them from being involved in caring for their baby.

The survey lound that 47 per cent of men were not

offered any paid paternity leave and 79 per cent were refused unpaid leave. Twenty three per cent were given up to three days' leave, 14 per cent received four or five days with 4 per cent getting a week or more.

The survey concludes: "Today's new fathers want to be more involved with the care of their new baby and in order to do this paid paternity care needs to be widely introduced. Tiredness, loneliness and worry are dominant feelings in new fathers with very little recognition or support."

Mary Newburn, head of policy at the NCT, said yesterday: "Fifty per cent of parents are fathers but we conveniently forget that they exist and have needs and feelings too." The Confederation of Brit-

ish Industry has so far resisted calls for paternity leave to be a statutory right. A spokesman said: "Our view is that it is an individually."

Schools boycott * 'incompetent' supply teachers

By David Charter, Education correspondent

schools boycott teacher supply agencies because they have sent stand-ins who are incompetent or even drunk, a survey disclosed yesterday. Teachers sacked or rejected

by one agency were readily taken on by others because the law did not require them to make police checks or take references, said Margaret Hodge, the Labour MP who carried out the research.

tion was backed yesterday by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which said children were being put at risk. The Government has decided not to back Mrs Hodge's Bill to license and inspect teacher agencies. Instead it brought in guidelines earlier this year recommending that thorough checks were made on supply staff.

parliamentary officer, said: This is a child protection issue and we want to emphasise those who seek to harm children are very well organised in this country and we must do everything to put in place proper checks."

Mrs Hodge's survey of

Greater London secondary schools showed one in 15 lessons a week were taken by supply teachers. One in three head teachers said they had had problems with supply teachers. Some were unable to maintain discipline, while oth-

GCSEs. Four inner-city

South Africa had a racist

Her call for greater regula-

Ty Goddard, the NSPCC's

ers simply "baby-sai" classes. Many supply teachers were from overseas and lacked knowledge and experience of the national curriculum or

said that white teachers from

In one, instance a head teacher who greeted the sup-ply teacher as he begao his lesson realised that he was drunk and ordered him off the premises. One teacher black-listed by the Department For Education and Employment had turned up running a supply agency of his own in

The heads believed teachers fired from other schools could use agencies as a back door to

return to teaching. TimePlan, the first and largest specialised teacher supply agency which places 700 teachers in schools every day, backed Mrs Hodge's call for tighter regulations and a bonding scheme similar to that used by approved travel agents. This would protect teachers pay if an agency went out of business.

Tish Seaborne, managing director of TimePlan, said: "It was not long after we started that we found some of our rejects turning up in classrooms. If things go wrong, all teacher supply agencies are going to be tarred with the same brush unless we bring in regulations."

☐ A teacher has been savagely beaten by two drunk teenagers. Mike Parsley, 30, was left with a broken thumb. a possible broken nose. damage to his eye and severe bruising after the lunchtime assault by two ex-pupils at Highbury Grove Secondary School in Islington, north London.

Family reaps gold reward for lifetimes of adventure

By Alan Hamilton

FOUR brothers and sisters set an adventure record yesterday when they were pre-sented with Duke of Edinburgh gold awards on

the same day.

Jason. Scott. Tracie ood
Sharoo McCarthy. of Shepperton, west London, embarked oo their unique quest together four years ago, when they undertook a week's expedition to the Black Mountains in Wales. They reaped their reward at a ceremony at St James's Patace attended by the Duke, who launched his challenge scheme for young people 40 years ago. Since then more than 2.5 million teenagers and woung adole because and woung adole because the second teenagers. and young adolts bave entered the scheme and ocarly 125,000 have achieved gold

have had four cousins up for awards at one time, but oever before four siblings. This is a first." The four were presented with their medals by Neil Fox, a disc jockey with Capi-

Jason. 27. earned his gold by travelling in South-East Asia with the Operation Raleigh scheme and by winning a silver medal while compet-ing for the British ju-jitsu team at the world champion-ships io Argentina. Tracie. 25, backpacked through the Mekoog delta io Vietnam, learning about village life, then learnt scuba diving in Australia.

Sharon, 24. spent 18 months travelling through Asia and Australia, ending up on an expedition with venture Scouts in Switzer-land. Scott. 22. has just re-A spokesman for the award land. Scott. 22. has just rescheme said yesterday: "We torned home alter a winter in

Austria and a summer on the Greek island of Kos. The four had the full sup-

port of their parents. Their mother. Ann. 54. has joined her childreo in the past on backpacking trips in Thailand and Central America. They have all worked so hard and they have all done it independently." Mrs McCartby said yesterday. They had na sponsorship or help from school. We bave tried to belp them out financially, but they have had to meet the cost themselves. I am so pleased that all four have been able to do it while they are still

Youne. Sheila Smith, of the award scheme, said: They are a quite remarkable family and thoroughly deserve their achievement."

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By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY COR! ESPONDENT

FRUIT-FLAVOURED builded spring water contains a mix of potentially dangerous chemicals and is often baided with sugar, the Food Commission claims today. It says that some are produced with low-one additives and that manufacturers exploit an unjustified

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image of purity to pash prices as high as £2.80 a fitre. Research into 24 brands published in Food Magazine shows that many of the most popular brands contain preservatives, colourings, artificial sweeteners and other additives. The commission says this makes a mockery of claims of purity on labels.

lan Tokelove, its spokesman, said: "People with asthma are drinking some of these products and wondering why they are short of breath. The labels describe the drinks as spring water with a him of flavouring, but this is nut making clear that they are full of artificial chemicals."

Unlike mineral water, spring water has no legal definition and is usually obtained frum hore holes into

addition of flavourings means it technically becomes a soft drink, making it legal to use channeals including artificial sweeteners such as aspartame, which casts just

tilip to flavour two littes of liquid, against 12p for sugar. Where real sugar is used, the amounts are high. Sainsbury's tangerine finvisured Crystal Spa was found to contain more than a Coca-Cola and a 250ml carton of Ribena Spring had the equivalent of seven lumps. The British Dental Association

said spring water drinks con-

taining sugar increased the

risk of tooth decay. More serious, according to the magazine, is the use of the preservative vodium benzoate in half the products tested. which some research suggests may cause breathlessness and trigger hyperactivity, even though it has been approved by the European Union.

Christine Milburn, of the British Soft Drinks Assoctation, said members were bound by regulations which ensured the purity of the source, "We add nothing which has not been rested and approved by all 15 member states of the EU."

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An EU directive passed last July means that manufacturers have to list all additives on the label, but it will be next summer before this comes fully into force. Smithkline Beecham, manufacturer of Ribena, said: "We use real sugar rather than artificial sweetners because that is more wholesome."

Marks & Spencer adds aspartame and sodium benzoate. These are both on the approved list of additives," a spokesmao said. Sainsbury's said all the products tested by signed to be refreshing". Company policy was to provide as much information as possible to customers. The company was now reviewing soft drinks labels and would aild "with sweetener" in them where applicable.

Tesco denied that its labelling was misleading. Its water was from a 100 per cent natural source flavoured with



The Princess with Danielle Stephenson yesterday. The seven-year-old underwent pioneering surgery in May to rectify an irregular heartbeat

Princess praises 'miracles' of heart surgeons

BY EMMA WILKINS

DIANA Princes of Wales praised the "miracles" per-formed by heart specialists and the conrage of their patients vesterday,

The Priocess was helping to raise money for research into heart and lung disease with the help of Danielle Stephenson, from Southend. Essex. The girl is among dozens of heart patients the Princess has visited regularly at the Royal Brompton Hos-

At a reception in aid of the Heart of Britaio charity, the Princess said she was fascinated by the workings of the beart". Io the foreword to a book of photographs aimed at raising moocy lur the charity, the Princess wrote: "I have been privileged to see for myself the miracles - at the very leading edge of medicine today - performed by the teams of surgeous. doctors and nurses at Royal Brompton Hospital, whose dedicatioo saves so many -1 have been profouodly

impressed, too, to see how bravely patients cope - and have been particularly tooched by the courage and trust shown by Britaio's little people — our children. All oced our compassion, oor love and our support at what is often their darkest hoor."

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, the joiot president of Heart of Britain who invited the Princess to attend an operation at Harefield Hospital in April, praised her "inspirational" care and compassion at the reception at Harrods, which was hosted by the store's chairman, Mohamed Al Fayed. The charity book cootains 300 photographs showing scenes of modern life, submitted to a competitioo by amateur photographers. It costs £19.99, with all profits going to the

charity. Danielle became ooe of the first children in Britain to undergo oew treatment in May this year to burn away abnormal electrical pathways inside her beart that were caosiog ao irregular



Yates gets bail in drug case

Paula Yates, the television presenter, has been released on police bail until December while investigations continue into the alleged discovery of opium at her home. Miss Yates, 36, former wife of Bob Geldof, was arrested when she went to Chelsea police station She is said to have maintained that any drugs found at the home she shares with the rock singer. Michael. Hutchence must have been planted.

Aids man named

A hospital anaesthetist who died of an Aids-related virus, promoting hundreds of inquiries from worried patients, has Manohar. Mr Manohar, married with a three-year-old son. was a registrar anaesthetist at the Royal Albert Edward Hos-

'Eco' evictions

Bailiffs evicted more than 50 ed themselves into a self-styled eco-village set up on a 13-acre site beside the Thames in Wandsworth, southwest Lon-don, on derelict land owned by Guinness. One protester was

CORRECTION

A report, "Call for curb on stage hypnotists" (September 23), failed to make clear that Philip Green was not the hypnotist in the stage act in which Sharon Tabarn was involved, and was not connected in any way with her subsequent death. We apologise to Mr Green and his

Water companies say six new reservoirs are needed

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SIX new reservoirs will be needed in cast and southe st England to ensure water supplies into the next century as demand rises because of global warming and an increase in single households, water companies in England and Wates said yesterday. Their warning was issued in

advance of a government re-port on water resources into the 21st century, due today. The report will outline the threat to rivers, wetlands and other nature sites if too much is taken for supplies....

The Department of the Environment says that demand

Yorkshire Water, criticised for its handling of last summer's drought, is to lift all restrictions oo water use

popularity of gardening and a projected growth in new households to more than four million, as well as rising temperatures and more frequent droughts.

Professor Paul Harrington of Loughborough University. who compiled the report, pre-dicted that domestic consumption for appliances and gardening would rise by 36 per cent by 2021, and 41 per cent if there is significant global warming.

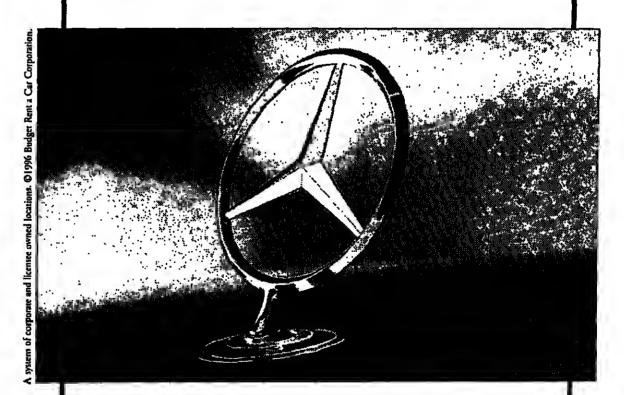
ing director of Severn Trent and spokesman for the Water Services Association, which represents nine of the len big companies, said domestic consumers would not accept more rationing so action had to be taken now for the future.

He said that there "was a requirement for at least six new reservoirs to ensure an adequate margin of safety." They will be destined for the East and South East." Two have already been proposed in Oxfordshire and Kent.

The Environment Agency has urged the companies to tackle leaks and demand management before it will consider backing development of new, and potentially environmentally damaging, resources Brian Duckworth, manag- such as reservoirs.

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Thousands of jobs announced as Britain begins to celebrate 100 years of car-making

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... Land Rover in drive to double output with sporty mini

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

LAND ROVER is to spend more than \$350 million developing a mim four-wheel-drive vehicle aimed at women and young drivers, the amipuny announced vesterday

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The sporty vehicle, which will be in production within two years, will sell for under \$15,000 and help to double Land Rover production to more than 2001 (800 a veir, Dr Walter Hasselkus, chairman of Rover Group, sand yesterday that the expansion would mean 10,000 jobs for component makers supplying Land Rover's plant in Solibult, West Midlands, Another LOSS jubs have been created for construction workers building the new assembly lines, estimated to cost \$350 million

Vaushall is spending £3(8) million to expand and modernise its plant at Ellesmere Port Merseyside The plant, which produces Astramodels. 40 per cent of them for export, will have maximum output increased from 120,000) in loughly annually. The

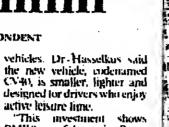
growth creates 200 new jubs. News of the investment boosted the motor industry, which is celebrating 100 years of cur-making at the British International Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. The show upens to the public on

previews began yesterday, the countries smallest manufacturers were talking of expansun plans. The Blackpool sports car maker TVR has deubled its workforce in more than 540 to cope with demand, white Marcus plans to double production of its powerful

sports models to 200 a year. Erni-Thompson, chief execmove of the Society of Monor Manufacturers and Traders, said. "After a century of carmaking in Britain, there is a huzz and confidence in our factories and design houses rence again."

the most significant aunouncement came from Rover, which is sweeping away doubts over its future since the takeover by BMW three years ago. There were fears that BMW would cut jobs and investment, using Rover as an offshoot to supplement production in Germany But Dr Hasselkus said BMW was investing \$500 million a

year in Rover. Land Rover made 68,000 vehicles in its first year under BMW ownership in 1993 but is scheduled to treble that number hy the end of the decade. Most growth will come from the introduction of the new vehicle, which will take Land Rover into new territory, appealing to buyers who traditionally bought Japanese



BMW's confidence in Rover and will inject a total of £3.5 billion into the UK automotive component industry," he said. British component contranies parts in the new min Land Rover and the vehicle will be designed in-house with no help from BMW.

The line-up of new cars at the show is one of the most glamurous for years, Jaguar's £50,000 XR8 sports car heads the attractions, Lorus, TVR, Mercedes and Porsche are all showing new models. Ford disclosed the price of the Ka. its quirky city car that goes on sale this month at 17,300 to



A prototype of the "greener" black cab, which can run on unleaded petrol and compressed natural gas

Green cab cuts down on city pollution

running on petrol and gas instead of diesel, was faunched yesterday.

Drivers of Asquith Motor Carriage's new version will flick a dashboard switch to chaoge from unleaded petrol to compressed natural gas, radically cutting exhaust pullution. The company

electric model by 2003. The system is being developed by Zeus Energies, which is looking for £600,000 backing to speed development.

The Asquith taxi has six sears and a suspension which lowers the floor to pavement level, improving access for bars contaioing airbags swing down in front of passengers.

Yesterday Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, unveiled a project to use electric cars and vans in Coventry see if they could solve pollution



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By CAROL MIDGLEY

A FORD advertisment has and trivialised this serious beco withdrawn after complaints from mental health charities that it trivialised schizophrenia. The radio commercial for the Ford Courier van featured the comedian Alexei Savic as a customer who was "in two minds" about whether to buy the vehicle.

Sayle said: 'You know. sometimes I think I'm schizophrenic . . . half of me wants a big van half of me waots a small vao. That's the trouble with both of me.

Fifteen complaints were received by the Radio Authority, including protests from the National Schizophreoia Fellowship and the Scottish for Mental Health. The charities said the commercial "misrepresented

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and often misunderstood ill-Complaints from health workers and relatives of schizophrenics said that the lighthearted treatment was offensive. The advertisement

broadcast on a number of local radio stations and a oational station. Talk Radio. A Ford spokesman said: "We withdrew the advert as soon as we received complaints We did out mean to offend anyone. Perhaps the advertising agency weol a little bit too far this time."

In February, Ford apologised to foor black workers and paid them compensation after white faces were imposed an their bodies in a photograph for a sales

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relusal in accept patients aged 75 referred hy their doctors illustrates the problems faving the National Health Service

At Prime Minister's Questions vesterday John Major. replying to the Labour leader loov Blair, fold MPs that the 'acid test" of whether the health service was working well was the number of patients treated, and went on in discuss the length of time spent on waiting lists. But this is only pan of the story, and shows a lack of understanding of what people expect from the National Health

What matters is not the total number of patients treated hut the number treated efficiently, and that patients and

has been available.

At the time of China's Cultural Revolution, Man Tse-tung instituted the barefoot docturs" system. The regime planued to save money by using technicians trained in a lew particular skitts rather than providing primary care dispensed by doctors who had had a general medical education. The harefuot ductury

would, it was reasoned, usually be able to provide enough help to tide their patients over the cummonly occurring, that which afflict those in the usual surgery queue. The patients for whom nature and the technicians could not find cure would be only a minurity, many of whom might have died anyway, and MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

on they did not, in an authoritarian society's view, aminint to a large problem.

Any change to the National Health Service which gives greater emphasis to primary cure has therefore to be very carefully analysed to make certain that the improved service being given will be better at satisfying the patient's needs and not merely at saving money for the Exchequer. Encouraging greater All experienced ductors use of better-trained nurses know that patients might

and pharmacists is obviously a cheaper option than using doctors who have had to spend six to ten years being educated. Greater reliance on ancillary staff might be financially desirable but it is doubtful if patients will always be able to get a broadly based opinion during their consultation from somelaxly whose training is by its very nature

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to discuss one problem while they have another that is disturbing them which they are too frightened to mention. This will only be uncovered during the course of the surgers that but might well be missed if that chat is with untebody where medical education is limited.

Whether doctors will enjoy working from a supermarket remains to be seen. Having doctors employed by supermarkets and at other centres. is certainly a simple answer to problems of the cost of innercity surgeries, but whether suggesting they practise from spare counter-space in a supermarket is likely to keep British medicine in the forefrunt of international research

is more doubtful.

to become a nurse practitioner. Last year even teaching hospitals found it difficult to recruit nurses of the calibre needed to do their present

The appulled reaction of any patients I have spoken to about the Hillingdon incident demonstrates that for all the political talk of values, the value that people place on decent care for the elderly transcends any discussion about cost

It is unlikely that patients are going to be satisfied with the thought that they can get a quick opinion about their wire threat at the local shop if granny is to be sacrificed in Hillingdon because she is moand to warrant the west of a bed, whether in the hospital

Doctors offered freedom to innovate in White Paper proposals

Supermarkets may run in-store GP surgeries

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

free to run in-store doctors' surgeries under proposals to deregulate till care announced yesterday.

The White Paper unveiled Siephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, would allow outside organisations to contract with health authorities to provide care. At present, all GPs have individual employment contracts with health

These could be NHS trusts, commercial organisations or supermarket chains. The GPs would be salaried employees working fixed hours.

Practices could also take responsibility for providing services, hiring GPs on salaries tu perform specific tasks. Patients would still be on a named doctor's list and the service would be provided by the NHS, but responsibility for running it would rest with the organisation.

Supermarket chains which are looking at the possibility of running GP surgeries alongside pharmacies, in superstores and shopping malls they are a workable proposition. Safeway said it would

SUPERMARKETS will be like the freedom to olfer additional services but is not certain that a supermarker would be the ideal environment for clinics, where patients need to speak in confidence to their doctors.

You cannot treat patients as if they are waiting at the deli counter," said a spokes-woman. "We du have a toe in the water already. We may look at ways to expand on that il we could add extra services."

Mr Dorrell said the aim was 10 give GPs greater freedom in the way they provided care. They were being encouraged to take part in an experiment to devise the surgery of the luture.

'My aim is to provide choice and opportunity for those GPs and dentists who want to develop and improve services to pilot their ideas. Those who are happy with the status quo will be free to continue on the present basis," he said.

Currently only individual GPs, who are self-employed and must buy or rent premises, can contract to provide care. This has created where property prices are as nurses and other staff on high and some doctors have salaries to do specific tasks.



Dorrell: said aim was to provide opportunity

been caught by the property slump. Urban GPs have become harder to recruit and a salaried service is seen as the best way of stemming the exodus to the country:

At the other end of the scale. some of the most entrepreneurial GPs running big practices have been eager to expand their activities but have been frustrated by existing regulations. Under the White Paper proposals they will be able to hire GPs as well

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pharmacists and opiometrists, will be framed in a Bill to be outlined in the Queen's Speech next week. They fullow a discussion document issued in June based on a six month "listening exercise" by Gerald Malnne, the Health Minister, who travelled the country talking to doctors.

The British Medical Association said the higgest impact of the changes was likely to be in the inner cities. "These changes are most attractive for those who want a salaried service and for the most adventurous GPs who want to fly new ideas in an entrepreneurial way," said a spokesman. "It is about letting a thousand flowers bloom but we will have to see whether that turns into a cultural

The White Paper makes no mention of cottage hospitals. which had been touted by ministers earlier in the year as a way of bringing medical care closer to patients. Yesterday. Mr Dorrell told the Commons that the need for such hospitals would have to be assessed locally in the same as any oth

Peter Riddell, page 14



David Brook says that the centre at Victoria station

Station doctors on a fast track for expansion

TWO months after opening Britain's first private walk-io surgery, opposite platform one at Victoria station in Loodon, its backers are negotiating for five further sites to provide instant care to com-

moters and shoppers.

David Brook, of the Victoria Medicentre, admitted yesterday that the roncept of iostant, no-appointment treatment was so new that it was still a gamble. But he was coofident that, ooce the facility had become more widely known, it would become an essential service for business people who could not afford to wait for days to see their

Apart from offering treatment and immediate consultation for people stepping off the trains, the centre has also provided invaluable aid to the seriously ill. Mr Brook said at least one man who had been suffering from a heart attack said he owed his life to them, while another was saved from the immediate and serious effects of

diabetes. At present the centre, which is served by five doctors and three ourses, deals with about 25 walk-in patients a day. They cao vary from people suffering from a simple cut to more serious cases who are referred to hospital specialists. Charges vary from E32 for a basic ronsult ation to £250 for a romplete health screening. Other vices range from E5 for dressings to E37 for emergency rootraception.

Mr Brook said: "We are confident coough of the need another centre for Victoria and for three other stations in London. We are also hopiog to open two centres in

major provincial cities." Ooe area in which the centres hope to profit is to the provision of vaccioation services to commuters travelling to Gatwick for their holiday flights. The company also hopes it can interest local businesses in using the centres for health checks on their employees. It offers an instaot service without the delays oormally associated with such procedures.

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Zambezi explorers survive close encounters on record paddle through heart of Africa

Kayak pair dodge rocks and crocs for 1,700 miles

TWO British adventurers are today celebrating a record-breaking kayak expedition from the source of the Zambezi River to the sea. They fled from a man-eating crocodile and braved some of the world's most dangerous white-water rapids during

their three-month journey. Justin Matterson, 33, and Ruperi FitzMaurice, 3t, both suffered from malaria as they paddled 1,675 miles from northwest Zambia to the mag-nificent sand-barred river del-ta on the Mozambique coast along the Indian Ocean.

On the trip, which involved 67 days of canoeing, the pair almost capsized by charging hippos, caught in a vhirlpool, paddled within 3ft of the Victoria Falls and rode out Force 5 winds on one of the continent's largest man-made akes. Mr Manerson, from Evanton, Ross and Cromarty. reteran of a 2,000-mile run through the Himalayas, and Mr FitzMaurice, of Forest Row, East Sussex, who runs expeditions for the charity Raleigh International, believe hey are the first to conquer he river unsupported.

The Source to Sea Appeal. pawned by the canoeists's



adventure, has so far raised E7,000 towards a £25,000 target for the Leukaemia Research Fund. Both men are now recuperating in Harare, Zimbabwe, and are due to give a talk on their experiences at the Royal Geographical Soci-

ety in January. Their most terrifying moment came as they were negotiating a narrow passage beyond the Cabora Bassa lake in Mozambique. They had been warned by Afrikaner settlers to beware a crocodile which they later learnt was blamed for the deaths of five men. "Fitz felt a bang and the back of his kayak go down."

thought he had hit a submerged tree but when he

turned around, he had the

shock of his life.

"He saw what he considered to be the biggest crocodile head he has ever seen, it was resting on the kavak at a slight angle, looking towards him so you could see his teeth. His head appeared to be grinning.

Fitz was in a hell of a state." The head slunk back into the water as Mr FitzMaurice sprinted down the river. As the two men were pulling into the side, Mr Matterson spotted the crocodile gliding up behind his partner. He screamed a warning to Mr FitzMaurice. who dashed for the bank and

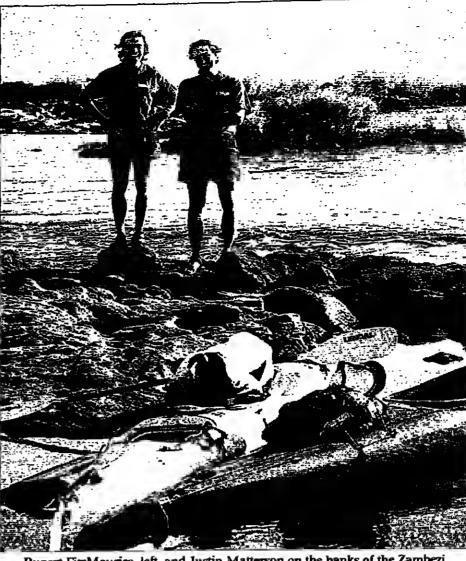
safety. "I don't know why he didn't go for Fitz again. With a croc that size, you would have no chance.

It was not until this century that the source of the 2,200mile Zambezi was located in a Zambian swamp near the border with Angola and Zaire. For nearly 40 miles the pair followed the stream on foot, then made a detour around Angola, on Foreign Office advice, and picked up the river again at the Chavuma Falls in

"On three occasions we startled hippos on the bank."
Mr Matterson said. "They hurl themselves into the river and head for deep water. It is quite an adrenalin-pumping, fear-inducing moment. Hippos munch more people than any other animal. It is like being charged by a Buick."

In Mozambique the river passed through a wildlife conservation area known as Hippo City, home to more than 300 hippos. That was a nerveracking experience." Mr Matterson said. People get taken on that stretch of the river every year.

"When we got to the sea we were silent for a good few hours. Basically we have kayaked through the heart of



Rupert FitzMaurice, left, and Justin Matterson on the banks of the Zambezi

Sentence on driver increased

ENEWS IN BRIEF

15-month jail sentence on a speeding car driver who killed pizza delivery boy was Court of Appeal. The judges held that the sentence passed on Richard French, 21, of Feltham, west London, for causing the death of 16-yearold Howard Petty was unduly lenient. The incident, in June, occurred hours after French had been freed on probation for a "road rage" offence.

Rail firm strike

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union will hold the first of a series of one-day strikes at First Engineering, a Scottish rail maintenance firm. on October 24, over the sacking of a member in a dispute over washing facilities.

Breton award

A linguist from Wales has been honoured by Brittany for promoting the Breton language. Rita Williams, 57, of Fishguard. Pembrokeshire, is the first Briton to receive the Ermine Collar, a Breton cul-

Life for rapist

A man who abducted a woman in Aberdeen and drove her 125 miles to rape her at his home in Edinburgh was iailed for life at the city's High Court. The judge recommended that George Clark, 35, serve at least 12 years.

Customer care

The people of Cardigan in West Wales raised £8,000 to send their postman, Michael Glover, to visit his grandfather in New Zealand after Mr Glover, 28, was found to be suffering from cancer. He has had to stop working.

Sickness at work

British workers take an average of 1.2 sick days a year, according to a survey by the insurers Legal and General. Forty per cent claimed never to have taken a day off. The CBI however said that the true figure was eight days a year.

Morrell's courage inspires hostage's girlfriend to fly to Kashmir



Mosely: encouraged by Morrell and McCarthy

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE girlfricod of a British student kidnapped in Kashmir more than a year ago is to fly to India to search for him. There has been no contact with the kidnappers of Paul Wells for ten months but Catherine Mosely has refused to give up hope that he is alive.

Mr Wells, 25, a photo-raphic student from Blackourn, was kidnapped while the couple were trekking in the north lodian state in July last year. Miss Mosely, 27. will leave for New Delhi later

cocouraged to keep her hopes up by Jill Morrell, who campaigned for more than four years for the release of John McCarthy from Beirut. Miss Mosely, from Nor-wich, said: "I know nothing

for certain. Panl could be dead, but I choose to believe he is still alive. There are times when the future looks so bleak, but I try to be nptimistic. I have been living two lives things go oo oor-mally, hot this is always in the back of my mind."

She will travel to lodia with Boh Wells, her boyfriend's

father. They hope to make cootact with the group that is holding him and three other tourists: Keith Mangan, an electrician from Middlesbrongtr; Donald Hutchings. an American; and Dirk Hasert a German.

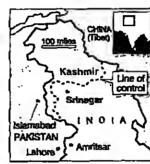
Indian police believe that they were kidnapped by al Faran, a Kashmiri separatist group. A Norwegian hostage was found beheaded last

Families of the hostages. including Miss Mosely and Julie Mangan, Mr Mangan's wife, have spoken to Miss Morrell, Mr McCarthy and

takeo hostage in Beirut. James Bowman, who rons the campaign to free the hostages, said: "Cath and Julie Mangan have taken heart from Jill and her determination not to give up hope and to keep campaigning for John's release."

Mr Bowman said the aim of Miss Mosely's trip was to "establish some sort of contact with the captors, if only to establish that the men are still

Miss Mosely and Mr Wells will make contact with diplomats at the British High



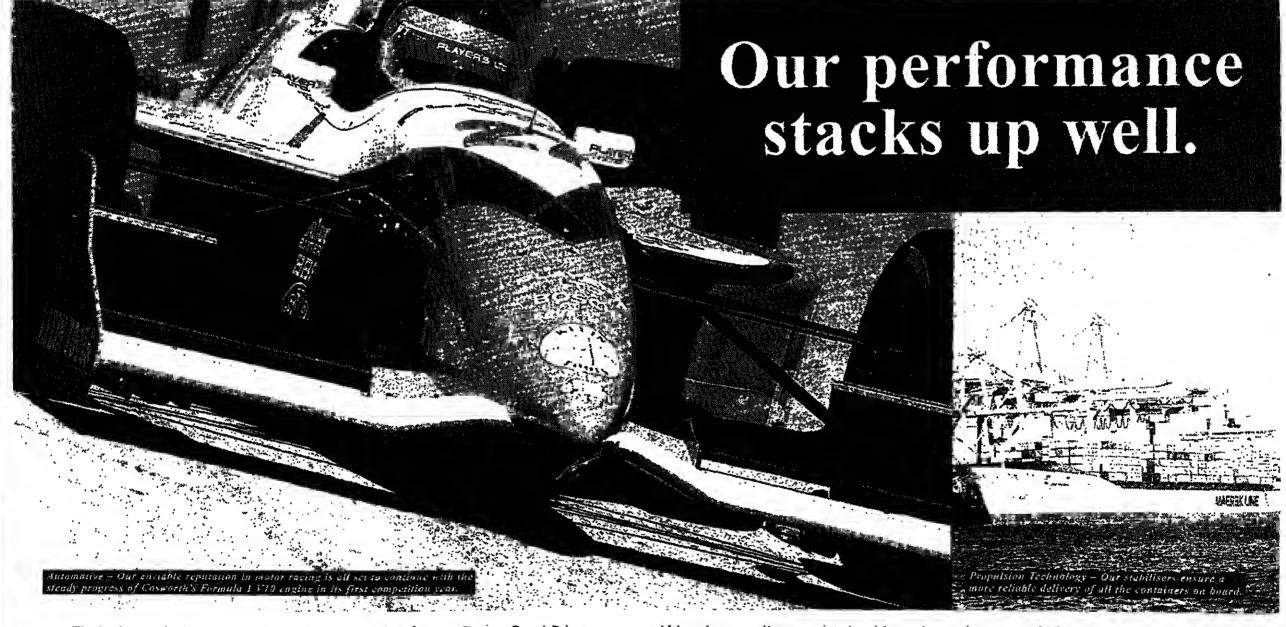
Commission in New Delhi before going to the Srinagar valley in Kashmir, where the hostages were taken. High Commission staff may ac-

nperate from a Pakistanicootrolled area, north of the line of control drawn by the United Nations. Benazir Bhutto. Prime Minister of Pakistan, was asked by John Major to help to find infor-mation about the hostages when she visited Britain two weeks ago. On November 14, 500 days

Office spokesmao said.

Al Farao is thought to

after the meo were captured. a group called Hostages in Kashmir will be launched to belp to draw public attention



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Luftwaffe damns much-vaunted Fulcrum fighter

Russia's Cold War air threat was 'hopeless'

ONE of Russia's prize combat aircraft, described by Nalo as a lethal threat to Western air forces during the Cold War, is almost impossible to navigate and hopeless in mediumrange air-to-air combat, ac-

The MiG29 Fulcrum was one of several Russian fighter aircraft whose potential was used by the West to justify the development of more advanced combat jets, such as the Eurofighter and the Amer-

Lieutenant-Colonel Johann Koeck of the Luftwaffe, commander of the only Western squadron to fly MiG29s, said that the Russian fighter was almost unusable in all but a handful of operationsl

Jane's Defence Weekly reported that Colonel Koeck, squadron commander of the Luftwaffe's Fighter Wing 73, which has been flying MiG29s transferred from the then East German Air Force for five onel Koeck's criticisms are particularly damning given the much-vaunted capabilities ascribed to the fighter by to the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991," the report

ays.
Colonel Koeck said that he found the aircraft unreliable. Its radar, he said, was difficult





The Eurofighter: developed as a response to MiG29

to maintain and lacked adequate look-down shoot-down capability. However, in close combat, the MiG29 was the best of the best" because of its superb serodynamics, infrared search and track system and its All Archer dogfighl

The MiG29 entered service in 1983 and was acquired by the Luftwaffe after the fall of the Berlin Wall. The Luftwaffe's MiG29s are due to be phased out around 2005 and replaced by the Eurofighter, which is a joint British, German, Italian and

Spanish project.
While developing the Eurofighter, which will cost Britain more than £15 billion, the Ministry of Defence compared the RAF's future requirements for a combat aircraft with the

possible future derivatives. Following the critical comsources at British Aerospace,

Su37 Flanker, the Su31 and

which is developing the Eurofighter at its factory at Warton in Lancashire, said that the MiG29 was never seen as the principal threat to Nato air forces. They said that the Russians had improved the MiG29 since the Luftwaffe had acquired their planes and stressed that it was unlikely the former East German air force had been given the best of the MiG29s.

The main threat faced by the Eurofighter would be a derivative of the Su37 Flanker, the sources said. The Flanker, like the MiG29, is being sold by the Russians around the world and could "end up in potentially hostile hands". The latest version of the Su37 was displayed at the Farnborough airshow last month and proved to be one of the stars. With its twin movable nozzles. the Russian pilot was able to stop the plane in a vertical position for several seconds before rolling backwards in a

Despite the Su37's extraordinary acrobatics, the British Aerospace sources said that the Eurofighter, which is due to come into service with the RAF from about 2002, would still have the edge because of its acceleration, its man-oeuvrability and its superior



German tank crews bade farewell to the people of Pembrokeshire with a parade training ranges they have used since 1961. A veteran Mk I Leopard tank was unveiled to stand in commemoration at Castlemartin as senior officers from the British and German Armies attended a church service and said final goodbyes.

Panzers pull out of Wales

locally with their families. Nearly 150 soldiers married Welsh women during comes after defence cuts in the German Army: German reunification and the that tank crews can now train closer to home in the former East Germany liaison officer at the base, said yesterday We're sad to be leaving because of the

Irish minister faces claims of infected blood cover-up

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL NOONAN, the Irish Health Minister, will face opposition allegations in the Dail this afternoon of a cover-up on how 1,600 women were infected with hepatitis C.

One woman has since died. The women were infected 20 years ago by contaminated products from the Blood Transfusion Services Board, the state blood bank, given to overcome the potentially fatal. risks of pregnant women with rhesus positive blood having a rhesus negative baby. In such instances, the mother's anti-bodies can kill the child.

But many batches of anti-D immunoglobulin used to prevent the problem came from a woman later discovered to be infected with hepatitis C, which can cause liver failure. The female plasma donor was jaundiced but tested negative for hepatitis A and B; hepatitis C was not formally identified until 1989 and the blood bank



would not be ignored

continued using her blood. However, it made no attempt to contact the infected women until 1993, when a doctor in Cork established a link between anti-D and hepatitis C.

Brigid McCole, 54, a mother of 12 died last month, days before her legal action against the Irish Government and the

blood bank came before the High Court. Within hours of her death, her family was offered an out-of-court settle-ment for £175,000. The blood bank admitted liability and

Other sufferers had already settled with a government tribunal, which paid between £200,000 and £300,000 without admitting liability. Ireland is the only country in the world to have established a compensation procedure for hepatitis C victims; there are tens of thousands of sufferers liability has never been admitted

Mr Noonan, who announced last week that a tribunal of inquiry would be set up, said there would be no attempts to dismiss its findings: "When the judge reports after the judicial inquiry . . . let the chips fall wherever the chips fall."

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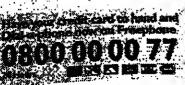
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Retrial for Salvation

Army case

Stuart Ford, 45, a financial adviser from Finchley, north London, accused of stealing £1.2 million from the Salvation Army, is to be retried. A new hearing was ordered after a jury at Southwark Crown Court cleared him of two of 23 counts of theft but failed to reach verdicts on the remainder. He allegedly stole the cash during an investment programme.

Moore sale

Works by Degas, Manet, Renoir, Vuillard and Courbet, belonging to the Henry Moore Foundation, are expected to be sold for about El.5 million at Sotheby's in London on December 3.

Teenagers held

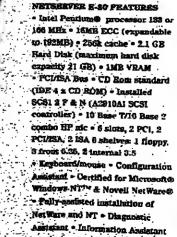
Two 14-year-olds have been arrested after an attack on a 90-year-old widow as she returned home from church in Ealing, west London, on Sunday, Nellie Maschke lost her sight in one eye.

Sunday drinking Poils to decide whether pubs

can open on Sundays will be held on November 6 in two Welsh counties. Gwynedd and Rhondda Cyneo Taff. Licensing laws allow a poll to be held every seven years.

FA medal stolen

Burglars stole a 1902 FA Cup medal from William Barnes. 85, of Bath. It was awarded to his father, W.E. Barnes, who scored the winner when Sheffield United beat Southampton 2-1 at Crystal Palace.



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Former SAS officer pips First Sea Lord to maintain army tradition

General Guthrie wins top post in Services

ENERAL Sir Charles Guthhead of the Army, was onfirmed yesterday as the ext Chief of the Defence Staff. spite a campaign by a rmer Royal Navy chief to ave the present First Sea ord promoted to Britain's top ilitary appointment.

Sir Charles, a sharp but ffable commander, will suced Field Marshal Sir Peter when he retires next The appointment, rich was announced vesteray after approval from the een, will mean that Sir narles will have followed rectly in the career footsteps Sir Peter for seven posts. e took over from Sir Peter as uef of the General Staff in

Sir Charles, a former SAS ficer, will be the first Chief of e Defence Staff not to be romoted to a five-star rank. nstead of moving up to field narshal he will remain a neral, although the Ministry of Defence will be recommending to the Top Salaries Review Body that he should be paid on a higher scale than his fellow four-star generals.

Sir Peter Inge earns £124.639 a year, rising to £125.850 in December. By comparison, General Guthrie earns £100,255 from his present post, rising to £101,230

The only other shortlisted candidate was Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. The two other names on the original list were Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon. Chief of the Air Force, and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Vice-Chief of the Defence

Senior MoD sources said that Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, had spent several months considering the shortlist. They said the Navy had a very strong



Inge: to retire next April after three years in post

they added that, since 1982, there had been no rotation and Mr Portillo thought that General Guthrie had all the qualities he was looking for. Although Sir Jock was keeping a dignified silence. Admiral of the Ficet Lord Hill-

Norton, a former Chief of the

was wrong not to appoint Sir Jock. The late Lord Fieldhouse was the last Navy man to hold the post in 1988. Lord Hill-Norton said: "I

don't know General Guthrie I'm told he's a first-rate chap - but Jock Slater is a star. His experience should have weighed strongly in his favour. But Mr Portillo seems to think that most of the action is in Bosnia and Northern Ireland and so it's right to appoint someone from the Army. I think it's bad news for the country and for the Navy." General Guthrie, 57, has a

reputation for being a charming and smooth operator who has acquired the necessary Whitehall skills to deal with ministers and civil servants. He was commissioned into the Welsh Guards in 1959 and became a troop commander with 22nd Special Air Service Regiment seven years later. He returned to the Welsh Guards in 1970 to command a

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General Sir Charles Guthrie is well versed in the political skills needed to deal with ministers

before attending the Staff College at Camberley. He com-manded the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards in 1977 in

Berlin and Northern Ireland. His rise through the Army led to him becoming Assistant Chief of the General Staff in 1987 and took command of the 1st British Corps in October 1989. He was promoted to Commander-in-Chief British Army of the Rhuie in 1992. He is married to Kate and has two sons, David and Andrew. He is a keen skier, horseman and

The name of the next Chief of the General Staff will be announced next month.

Contest seeks schemes that enrich local communities

By JOHN YOUNG

THE eleventh annual Community Enterprise Awards, nrganised by Business in the Community and sponsored by The Times and Deloitte & Touche, are launched today with prizes worth more than £20,000. Their aim is tn publicise outstanding examples of local people working with companies in their neighbourhoods to establish amenities and improve the quality of life.

Amoog the achievements of previous award winners are job creation and the establishment of businesses employing local people. co-operatives and built accommodation for the homeless others have improved the environment and developed community facilities ranging from kindergartens tn education classes.

Last year's overall winoer was the Old Chapel Housing and Community Trust in Kirkby in Ashfield. Nottioghamshire. In the former mioing town hit by 25 per cent unemployment, the trust has established four houses and a bostel for homeless young people. It has woo support from charities, businesses

and local authorities.



time the awards will be made regionally. Two wiooers will be found in each of eight Eoglish re-gions. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, one for projects with a turnover of less than £50,000 and one for those above. Entries are invited from individuals, community organisations, businesses, local authorities or any other group for projects completed between January 1. 1991, and October 1 this year. The clusing date is

The regional award winners will be annuaced oext March and the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the overall winner will be presented in

Entry forms may be obtained from The Communitv Enterprise Awards, Business in the Community, 44 Baker Street, London WIM IDH.

A message from HRH the Prince of Wales. chairman of the awards

Having been involved in the ten years the awards have been running. I have come to recognise the vital; importance of local community involvement in the design and management of programmes and facilities to meet local needs. Over the years the term community enterprise has become commonplace. and its contribution to cration irreplaceable.

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Pro-Europe Tories mock Goldsmith's 'Napoleonic ego'

SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH has a Napoleonic ego and his Referendum Party is nothing hul a rump of disgruntled Tories and neo-nationalists. according to his pro-European

The attack comes in a pani-phlei by the Bow Group, a Tory research organisation that has made the first detailed analysis of Sir James's speech to businessmen in June, known as the Newcastle Manifesto. It will be published on Friday, as the Referendum Party prepares for its conference on Saturday.
Napoleon or Ross Perot? is

written by Michael Welsh, the former Tory MEP who is chief executive of the Action Centre for Europe. Mr Welsh says that Sir James is more dangerous than the maverick US presidential candidate and bears greater comparison to the French emperor. So exaggerated is Sir James's claim to have to a special rapport with the European people that there are signs uf an ego of Napoleonic dimensions".

He accuses Sir James of misinterpreting the European Union's history, saying that his "superficially plausible" case for a referendum on Europe is aimed at "stirring

the patriotic instincts of the James's claims that the British British people" and does not stand up to criocal analysis. The Referendum Party has

no political programme, but merely a collection of populist slogans. "This is single-issue politics at its most extreme. The extreme naivity of Goldsmith's proposals for the future of the EU suggests that he has failed to think through his positions in any details."

He continues: "Given that lack of substance, the Referendum Party is likely to prove as ephemeral as any other singleissue protest movement and unlikely to make any real impact in a general election." Yesterday his analysis was

backed by Edwina Currie and other pro-European Tory MPs. Mrs Currie, MP for Derbyshire South, said that she was delighted that the party was finally exposing Sir James and urged Brian Mawhinney, the chairman, to make clear that Tories could not be members of two parties. Sir James is a malcontent. bored and rich man, set on making mischief," she said. "His party can do a lot of damage both to the Conservative Party and our country's

position in Europe. Mr Welsh rejects Sir

people were conned into jointhe political elite. He says it was always made clear that EEC membership would involve some loss of sovereignty and had a political, as well as economic, dimension. He gives warning of the "hazards of a plebiscite" in a mature democracy and asks why Sir James, who backed EU membership in the original 1975 referendum, should now dis-

trust that judgment. He also rejects Sir James's claim that the European Commission's annual £200 million budget for "pro-European propaganda" outweighs his own £20 million. The £200 million, he says, pays for the European equivalent of Hansard, Parliament's official report, and other formal documents, not pro-Brussels advertising.

Mr Welsh accuses the Referendum Party of failing to address the serious consequences of Britain leaving the EU and dismisses the suggestion that Britain could rejoin European Free Trade Area. He says that Sir James's planned reforms of the EU -Ministers and emasculate the European Commission, Par-



strated a profound misunder-standing of the role of the institutions and a cavalier disregard for the realities of inter-state co-operation".

He rejects Sir James's charge that the Government lost its economic indepen-

treaty. Mr Welsh says the sovereignty was lost under the Single European Act. signed by Margaret Thatcher, which ensured that Europe's econo-

mies were run as a common

concern. "There can be no

single market if each partner

nomic policy regardless of the interests of the others."

EU membership without the prospect of any common interests would, he said, be like "joining a rugby club with the intention of playing associ-

Labour enjoying a free ride in healthcare debate RIDDELL

abour cannot lose on health and the Tories I cannot win. No matter that the Major Government has spenr an additional E 7.7 billion, or 13 per cent in real terms, since the last election on the NHS. Or that the only specific pledge that the Prime Minister has made for the next Parliament is to increase the health budget each year by more than the inflation rate.

The public is unimpressed. It does not believe the health service is safe in Tory hands. According to MORI polls for The Times. Labour has a bigger lead on health than on any other issue. A poll in July showed that more than half the public believed that Labour had the best policies on healthcare, and barely a lenth thought the Tories did.

This is why Tony Blair picked the issue for his first confrontation with John Major at Prime Minister's Questions for three months. His carefully crafted soundbite that people "know you cannot ever trust the Tories on the NHS" was timed to reinforce recent stories about NHS financial problems and the decision by Hillingdon Hospital to take no more GP referrals of patients over 75. It was also intended to offset the impact of the Government's White Paper on primary healthcare, which was broadly welcomed yesterday despite opposition worries about GPs being employed by supermar-kets or pharmaceutical

companies. Some Tory strategists are fatalistic. The famous leaked memorandum two years ago by John Maples, former Tory deputy chairman, argued that ministers should avoid drawing the public's attention to health. Stephen Dorrell does not agree. The main changes were already in place when he took over in July 1995 and he believes there is scope for the Tories to stress the consequent gains. Despite talk of neutralising Labour's advantage on health, the Tories' realistic aim is to narrow the gap — in the same way that Gordon Brown can hope only to reduce, rather than eliminate, public sceptiON POLITICS

Alberta Carrier Carrie

cism about Labour pledges not to raise taxes. Labour's strength in the polls on health has not been matched by a similar strength on policy. The party has a free ride when hospitals have to cut

back, or even halt, routine admissions because of financial problems outside their control and when people have to wait hours in accident and emergency departments or be moved around the country. These complaints are real. Mr Blair can protest about the sins of the internal market.

the waste, the mushrooming of managers, and hospitals competing against each other, but Labour has failed to offer a credible alternative. Its premanifesto document in July hid the real issues behind talk of developing a "collaborative, long-term approach, though the purchaser-provider solit of the reformed structure would be retained under the new terms of planning and providing care. No doubt administrative costs can be cut but the much trumpeled "early" pledge to save £100 million in order to treat 100,000 parients is a gimmicky sleight of hand. when the Tories are spending El billion more in the current year. A Blair government might, at best, be able only to alleviate the worst anomalies of the internal market. It would continue the thrust of the NHS reforms with little, if no more, money than currently planned. Labour has so far not matched Mr Major's

pledge on health spending. Mr Blair always claims he will not promise more than he can deliver. But by criticising the Tory health record in such sweeping terms, and hence raising expectations that a Labour government could make a big difference, he risks doing exactly that. The public may always regard Labour as better custodians of the health service than the Tories, but miracle cures are not available.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair adviser proposes scheme for higher pensions

BY JILL SHERMAN

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leader's social security adviser has put forward a plan to transform the welfare state that would mean lower basic tax rates but higher national insurance contributions.

fn a document published today Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, has suggested changes to increase pensions and provide incentives for the unemployed to find work. His proposals aim to provide a guaranteed pension of two thirds of carnings and a care pension to pay for residential or nursing care. But all those earning more than EI00 a EI50 a year, but a small group of lowweek would be required to contribute to a second pension scheme.

Mr Field, appointed in July to advise Mr Blair on tax and benefit reforms, proposes a 5p starting rate of tax and a 19p basic rate offset by higher national insurance contributions. Those earning less than about EIS,600 a year would make a net gain, while those earning more would pay more.

People with salaries of more than £30,000 would pay £500 a year more, while those earning £60,000 would pay about £1,000 more. Those

£150 a year, but a small group of lowpaid workers would pay more because they would be paying national insurance for the first time.

Although Mr Blair might be attracted to Mr Field's radical thinking, he is unlikely to agree to measures that would hit the middle classes and those earning less than the average wage - about £17,000. Yesterday his office merely said: "As always with Frank, he has made a stimulating contribution to the de-

bate on this very important issue."
But Mr Field argues that people are much more likely to accept

paying extra, targeted insurance als every worker would be entitled to contributions than higher direct taxes. "Voters will only be able to foot the bill if they have control over where their savings and contributions go." he said yesterday

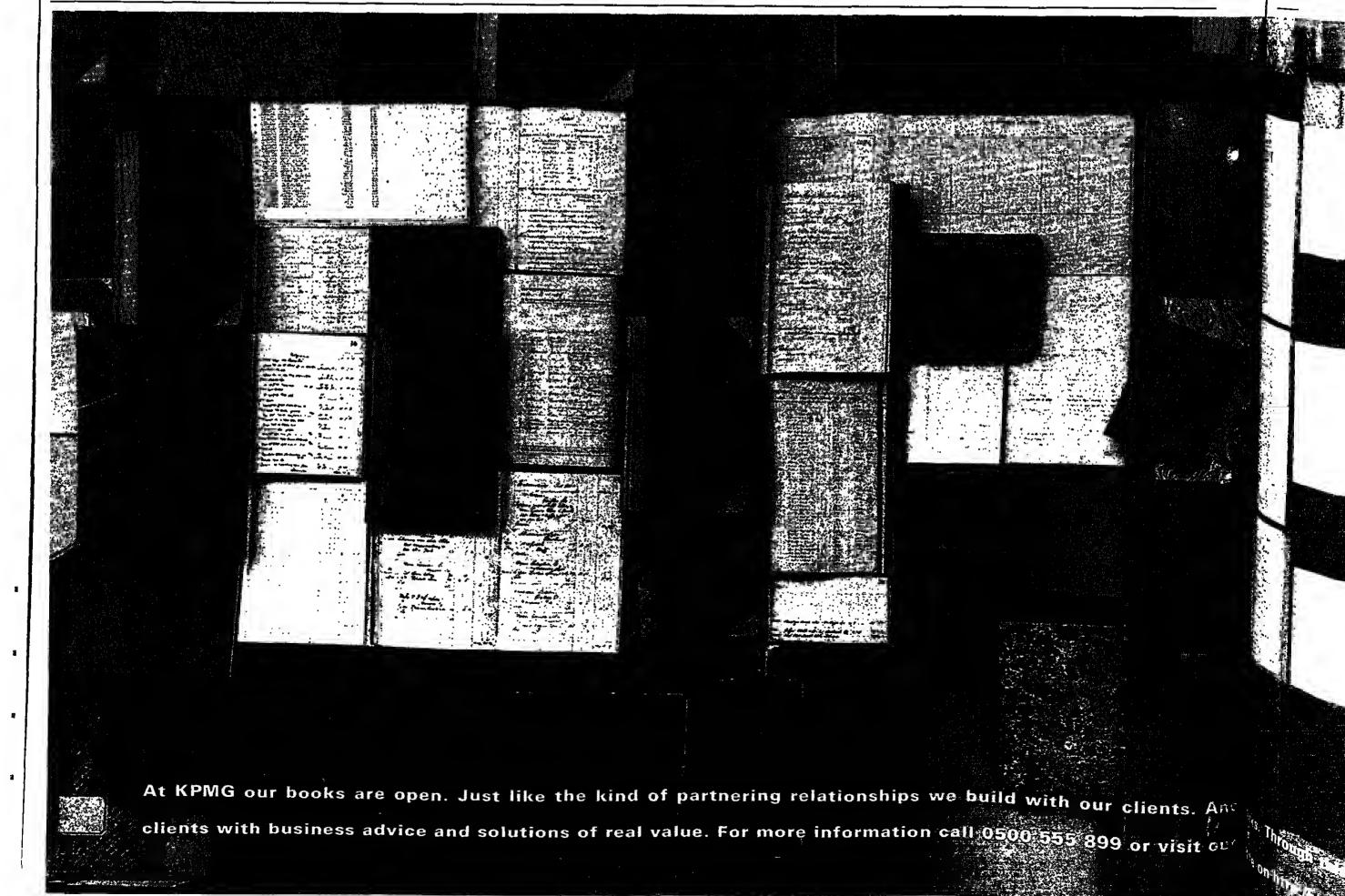
As well as the lower tax rates Mr Field proposes an increase of about £400 in the personal allowance. The changes would be funded by a new NHS insurance-based tax that would raise £18 billion - half the present annual costs of the health service. Everyone earning more than £60 a week would be expected to pay a 7 per cent NHS insurance tax.

Under the new insurance propos-

a state retirement pension. All those earning more than £100 a week who were not in a second pension scheme would be required to save towards that pension. The aim of this dual pension scheme is to provide each and every worker a minimum pension entitlement of two thirds previous earnings," Mr Field said.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons; backbench debates; Scottish questions; Public Accounts Committee reports; beeth authority deficits. In the Lords; Public Order (Amendment) Bilk, committee; accel-erated cuttle slaughter scheme; Asykum (Des-ignated Countries) Order.



Italian discontent grows over drive to adopt the euro

and Budget Minister, de-fended the budget, saying if he

had predicted in May that

traly would be aiming to re-

duce its deficit to 3 per cent of

gross domestic product by next year "they would have takeo me off to the mad-

house". He insisted that the

lira would rejoin the ERM.

which it left with sterling in

1992, "by the end of the year". The end of the year is, however, only ten weeks away. Signor Prodi argues

tartly that, if France is allowed

"creative accounting", Italy should be too. However, Ital-

ians acknowledge that Presi-dent Chirac tactlessly blurted

out what he and Herr Kohl

really thought when, on the

summit in Naples ten days

ago, he said Italy would be left

behind because of the "unsta-

ble lira". Jean Arthuis, the

French Finance Minister, said

at Luxembourg that the "hasty re-entry" of the lira to the

ERM would "risk harm to

both the Italian and the Euro-

pean monetary authorities".

while Hans Tietmeyer, the

Bundesbank chairman, said

Europe needed "durable eco-

nomic convergence — a coded

THREE weeks after the Italian Cabinet adopted a radical deficit-slashing budget in a final dash to meet the Maastricht single-currency criteria. it is dawning on a shocked Italian nation that the cost is

The centre-left Government of Professor Romano Prodi is facing the first ominous rumblings of popular discontent since it was elected last April. Signor Prodi's office announced yesterday that the Italian leader would hold ur-gent unscheduled talks on monetary union with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in Bonn tomorrow.

The dramatic gains made by Jorg Haider's far-right anti-Maastricht Freedom Party in Austria's European elections have had a sobering impact on neighbouring Italy. where until recently adherence to European integracion was an article of faith. Sud-denly the hard questions are

being asked. "A nadonalist Euro-scepocal wind is blowing across Europe, La Repubblica said yesterday. "We are so fixated on the criteria for the euro that we are failing to confront the other great issues, such as unemployment, immigration and the fight against crime."

A caricature on the cover of L'Espresso magazine shows a grimly determined Signor Prodi at the controls of a motorbike, heading for "Euro pile-up", while Massimo D'Alema, the astute leader of the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS) — the former Communist core of the Government — gestures in a different direction from the

Sixty per cent of Italians still say they are willing to make "sacrifices" to qualify for the euro. The entry at the weekend of the Finnish markka to the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) was - as La Repub-blica put it - a shock to us Mediterraneans, who think of Finland as a remote land of ice and mist". The Prodi budget, which

included a housing tax and a euro levy, was partly designed to undercut moves by Umberto Bossi's Northern League to secede and join economic and monetary union (EMU) separately. It was mainly inspired, however, by fear that fellow southern Europeans - above all the Spanish - would qualify while Italy did not. At the European Union

finance ministers' meeting in

rebuff to Italian aspirations. Luxembourg this week, Carlo Leading article, page 23 Azeglio Ciampi, the Treasury

French Fourth Estate stages 24-hour strike in protest at loss of tax perk

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH journalists, enraged at plans to eliminate their traditional tax perks, went on a 24-hour strike yesterday, reducing radio and television news coverage to a bare minimum and preventing the publication of today's edition of many national and regional newspapers.

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, insisted the Government would not back down from its pledge to scrap tax concessions for more than 100 professions, including a 30 per cent income tax deduction for journalists dating back to 1934.

But in an apparent attempt to calm the situation, M Juppé issued vague statement saying that be had ordered Jean Arthuis, the Finance Minister, "to see that the move does not worsen certain situations in professions now benefiting from this rebate".

All of France's main journalists' unions supported the strike, insisting that the tax concession is an accepted part of journalists' salaries and claiming that a reporter earning the average wage of £1,600 a month would forfeit the equivalent of a month's pay if the tax reform goes through.

Several regional oewspapers and journalists reporting on the French parliament have also threatened to stop coverage of politicians who vote in favour of removing their privileged tax status.

Staff at Le Monde voted not to join the protest, but unions at most other leading French newspapers, including Le Figuro, Libération and Le Parisien, voted to strike, State-owned radio and television channels provided a skeleton oews service while the news radio station France-Info was largely replaced by

Tax reform is just one incendiary

element in a 1997 budget aimed at reducing spending and cutting the deficit to ensure France qualifies to

join European monetary union. The journalists' strike yesterday was a foretaste of tomorrow's general strike when civil servants. teachers, rail and power workersare all expected to stop work in protest at government austerity policies, planned job cuts and

rising unemployment. Some MPs have accused protest-

ing journalists of unconstitutional behaviour and attenues to aviour and attempted blackmail, but others, apparently fearing a media boycott, have tabled

amendments to the tax reform Bill. Government officials say they are confident tomorrow's 24-hour strike is an isolated, one-off protest rather than the precursor to another winter of discootent. But last year's unrest also began with a one-day strike and government protestations of confidence.

Vienna to campaign against sceptics

FROM ROYER BOYES

THE Austrian Government. stimmed by the growing popularity of the far Right, is considering ways of boosting the appeal of the European Union and persuading sceptical Austrians of the need for a

single currency.
There has to be more intensive and more open communication, a generally comprehensible message," said Viktor Klima, the Finance Minister, whose party, the Social Democrats, were the worst hit by the European election results at the weekend. "We have to set out in great detail the advantages of

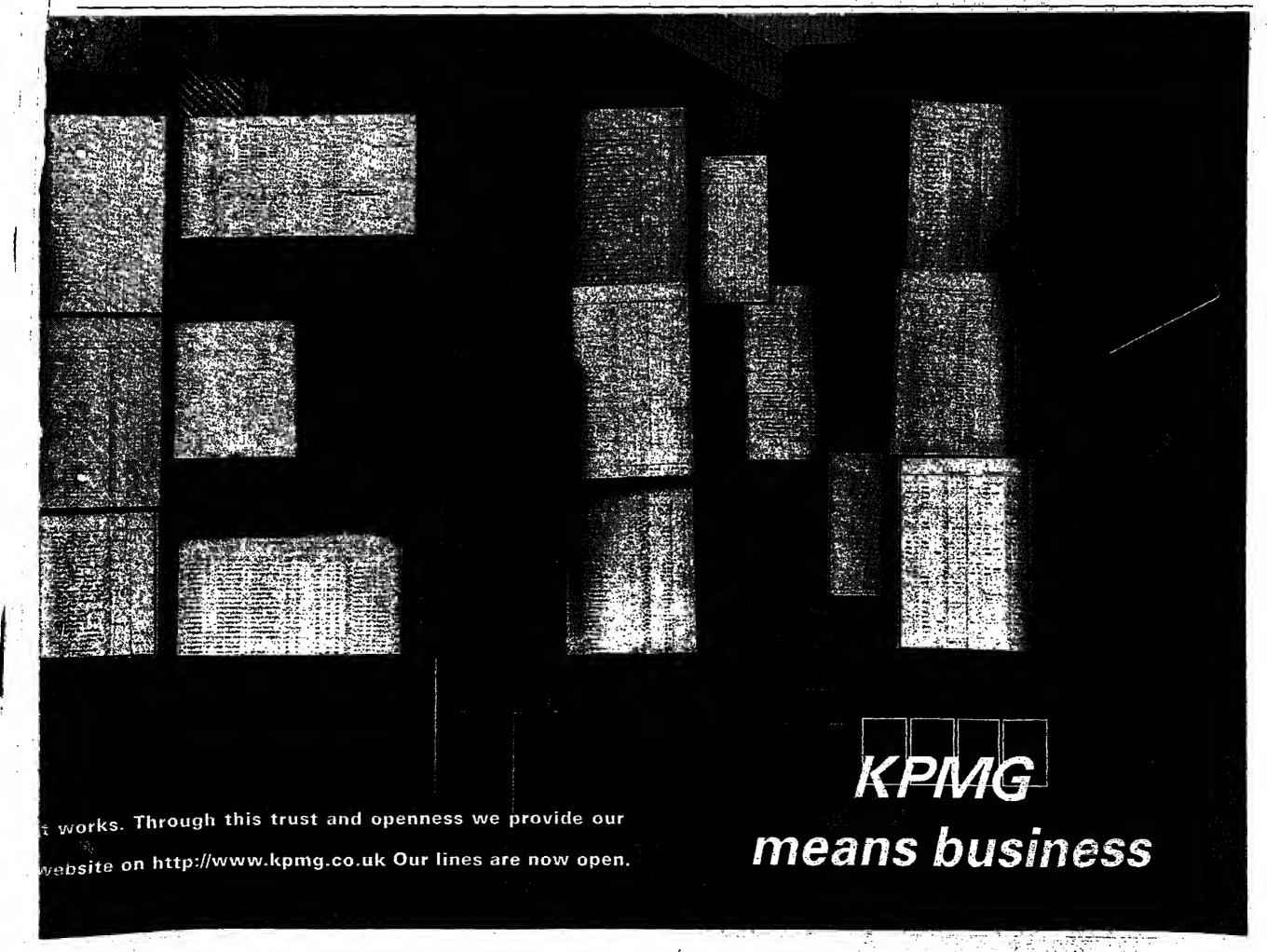
European membership. the far-right Freedom Party. profited from the popular disillusion over European membership, winning 27.6 per cent of the vote.

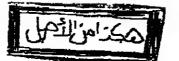
Above all, the reaction from abroad is prodding the Austrian Government into taking defensive action. Although Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor, yesterday dismissed calls to resign, the coalition be-tween Social Democrats and the conservative People's Party has to devise new strategies to increase the popularity of Europe and to halt the rise of Herr Haider.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, was said yester-day to be "deeply concerned" about the electoral success of Herr Haider, who has set his sights on being leader of Austria by 1999 and would be within reach of his goal if he boosts his share of the vote from this weekend's 28 per

cent to some 33 per cent.

All the European finance ministers asked about only one thing - Haider," Herr Klima said after a European ministerial meeting in Luxembourg. The coincidence of the shrinking of the Centre and the apparently unstoppable rise of the Right is deeply worrying to foreign observers.





Panicky Taleban braced for big attack on Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

KABUL waited nervously yesterday for news of war. Its one million citizens do not know if they are to be invaded immediately or later. The tension shows on the faces of Taleban soldiers in the streets: their mood is ugly and they have discarded the plasoc flowers fixed to their guns after they seized the capital.

General Ahmed Shah Masood, defence chief of the former government ousted by Taleban nearly three weeks ago, is lighting for control of the important Bagram military airbase north of the capital. Its fall seems inevitable. That will finally drive Taleban back to Kabul, which has a formidable armoury of anti-aircraft guns. rocket launchers and heavy artillery. General Masood's alliance

with General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord, is crucial to what happens next. General Masood could not retake Kabul alone by conventional military means. There are doubts about General Dostum's intentions: his primary interest has always been the preservation of his successful fiefdom and, so long as that is safe, he may decline to join any assault

General Dostum's name

comes from the Urdu for friend, dost. A dostum is everybody's friend - an appropriate name for a warlord who is willing to befriend anybody who will help to keep his empire intact. He has changed sides at least three times in Afghanistan's recent warmongering and has bro-ken deals as fast as he has

made them. General Masood may decide on a longer-term strategy to retake Kabul. He could move against softer targets first - the crucial town of Sarobi, east of Kabul, would be a logical first step since it straddles the vital supply road from the Khyber Pass. The western city of Herat, which is largely Tajik and resents the Pashtun-dominated Taleban rulers, would be ripe for subversion.

Taleban has alienated Kabul with its Islamic dogma. and General Masood could exploit this popular dissatisfaction simply by letting it grow. A small ammunicon dump blew up a few days ago. tt is not known if it was sabotage, but Taleban soldiers were in such a panic they started shooting at each other. Such are the tensions. The people no longer greet the lighters as they did when they

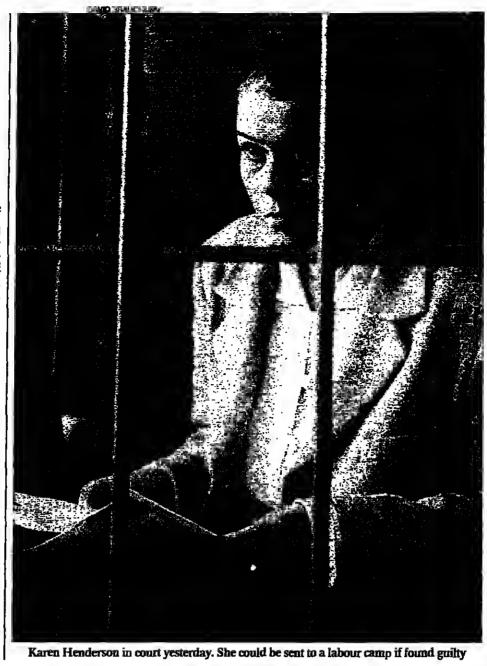
arrived and the gunmen are increasingly surly.

Pakistan sent a high-level emissary to Afghanistan yes-terday for talks with Taleban, which it has supported despite persistent denials. A group of ten gunmen dressed as Talebs responded to a question ad-dressed to them in Urdu a few day's ago, until they realised their mistake and fell silent.

Pakistan, used as a conduit by the United States for billions of dollars to arm the Mujahidin guerrillas fighting the Soviet occupation in the 1980s, may have once more backed the wrong horse. Since the end of the Cold War the former Mujahidin have destabilised the region with their

drugs, guns and warfare.
Pakistan hoped Taleban
would bring peace and unity
to its neighbour, and the United States hoped the Islamic warriors would oppose the drugs trade - Afghanistan rivals Burma as the largest producer of raw opium. In-stead, drugs production in Taleban areas has risen significantly, according to United Nations sources.

Afghans under Taleban may lose a limb for taking drugs, but it is apparently acceptable to produce heroin for the West's non-Muslims.



British girl faces Moscow judges on drugs charge

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

charged with cocaine smuggling and facing several years in a Russian labour camp if found guilty, pleaded her innocence yesterday in a Mos-

cow courtroom.

From behind the bars of a steel cage, Karen Henderson, 18, told the court that she had been tricked into carrying 10lb of cocaine in her luggage on a flight from Havana to Poland

Russian customs officers arrested Miss Henderson and Suzanne Gerada, a Dutch passenger, on February 6 after discovering the drugs packed into false bottoms in their

Gerarda pleaded guilty to the smuggling charges and was sentenced to six years'

labour in a prison camp. Miss Henderson, who remained calm and confident during the hearing, insisted that she had been tricked by a man at Havana airport who sold her a new suitcase, containing the drug, after her old suitcase had broken.

Since her arrest she has been held in Moscow's notorious Butyrka remand prison. which houses 7,000 immates double the number it was designed to hold.

If convicted, Miss Henderson could be sent to a labour camp for foreigners in Mordovia, a region east of Moscow which was infamous

A TEENAGE British girl. as a prison colony in the days

of Soviet rule.
Yesterday's proceedings in
the tiny Moscow regional courtroom, which was packed with relatives. British consular officials and journalists, ranged from the farcical to the

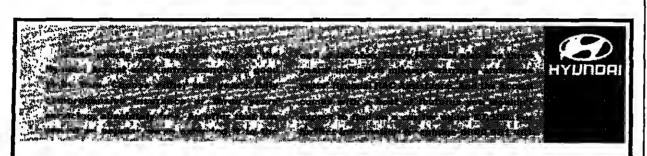
On a number of occasions. Miss Henderson had to ask for the proceedings to be halted because her court-appointed interpreter could not keep up with the testimony and examination, or had mistranslated the discussions.

One of the three judges on the panel slept quite soundly through most of the hearing, even though he will be expected to vote on the verdict and sentence as early as today.

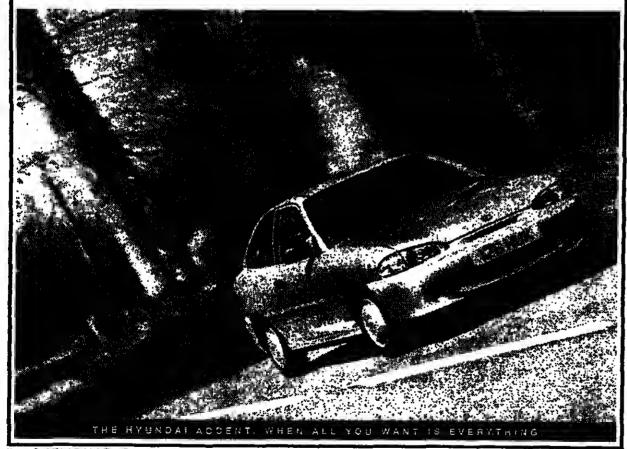
The defendant's mother. Patricia Henderson, called as a character witness, insisted that her daughter had never used drugs and had never been in trouble with the police. She said her daughter had a trusting nature, which could have led to her being tricked. "Please, please let her come home with us," she pleaded.

Hugh Henderson, her father, sat impassively at the back of the court. He said before yesterday's proceedings that he was at a loss to explain what had happened.

"I love Karen dearly," he said. "To me she is just a child. I will do anything I can to help



3 years' free servicing or one year's free insurance or a lifetime's supply of free petrol (Okay, so we lied about the last one.)



Belgians go on strike over judge

Brussels: Public sector workers went on strike and there were demonstrations across Belgium yesterday in protest over the dismissal of Jean-Marc Connerotte, the judicial investigator, from the country's child sex abuse and murder inquiry (Leyla Linton

Volkswagen workers tried to force their way into the Palais de Justice here, where a crowd of about 700 gathered. Some protesters threw eggs, but most left messages of support and flowers.

Court orders Priebke retrial

Rome: Italy's highest court of appeal ordered a retrial for former SS captain Erich Priebke over the massacre of 335 Italians in 1944. The court made void a military court verdict that had found Priebke guilty of war crimes but had ordered him freed because the statute of limitations had run out (Reuter)

South Africans flee from crime

Johannesburg: Fear of violent crime is leading white South Africans to flee the country in growing numbers. The number of emigrants, almost all white professionals, rose 23.6 per cent to 5,627 in the first six half of 1996 over the same period last year, while the number of immigrants fell by 4.2 percent to 2,509. (Reuter)

Gabon Ebola toll rises to 10

Geneva: The Ebola virus has killed ten people in Gabon, the World Health Organisation said. The United Nations health agency confirmed that an Ebola-type virus had infect-ed 14 people in the Booue region in the northeast of the West African country. Two of the remaining four are report-ed to be acutely ill. (AP)

Church moves to canonise shot tsar and his family

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

NEARLY 80 years after Tsar Nicholas II, his wife and five children were executed by the Bolsheviks, the Russian Or-thodox Church has taken the first steps to have the country's last royal family canonised. At the latest meeting of the Church's Holy Synod in Moscow, senior clerics have been hearing the findings of a study into the proposal that the entire royal family should be declared saints. Although it could be months before a decision, the move has caused a dispute between supporters of the monarchy and Commu-

spired propaganda ploy. Father Aleksandr Bulyakov, for the Moscow patriarchate, said that the whole Church had to be consulted before the proposal went before the Archbishops' Convocation in Feb-ruary for a preliminary decision. "The Church does not want any dissent on this," he said. "It must have unani-mous approval."

nists, who regard the entire

process as a politically in-

The debate is likely to centre onisation say that the last on the lives and the deaths of



The Tsar and his Tsarina: church wants unanimity

the last Romanovs. Tsar Nicholas abdicated in March 1917 as the country slid into civil war. He was taken to the Urals city of Yekaterinburg where he was held in the house of a local merchant. In July 1918 the Tsar, his wife Tsarina Alexandra, Crown Prince Alexei and Princesses Olga, Tatyana, Anastasia and Marie were shot and bayoneted to death with the family doctor and three servants.

Advocates of the canmonarch acted with saintly

devotion to God and his country. "He relinquised power for the good of his country. He stayed in Russia rather than fleeing," Archimandrite Platon Igummov told the Mosq" !

However, Irina Makaveyeva, a spokesman for the Communist Party, said that she and many Russians regarded Nicholas II as a traitor who had abdicated when the country was in difficulties and had remained in his homeland only because Britain

Spanish youth stay at home

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

MORE young Spanish adults than ever before are remaining in the parental home as unemployment grows, a re-cent study has shown.

Revealing a sharp reversal of Western trends, the Insti-tute of Youth has found that 52 per cent of all Spaniards aged between 25 and 30 years now live with their parents, almost twice the number that did so a decade ago. Of those aged between 16 and 30, the study finds, 80 per cent have not yet left home

Spain has a larger percentage of "adult young" living with their parents than any-where else in the developed world. The reasons for this are not difficult to discern. Unemployment in Spain is at Europe's highest level, with one in four members of the workforce officially jobless.

The unemployment rate for those under 30 is almost twice

Property prices, particular-ly in metropolitan areas, tend to be as high as those in Britain. The rental market,

too, offers poor prospects.
Yet although the study shows that two-thirds of those aged between 25 and 30 lack economic autonomy", the impoverished are not the only ones who tend to stay at home. Several Spaniards in full-time employment are also aware that living at home can ensure a higher quality of life than living on one's own.

Margarita, 57, a Madrid cleaner, said: "My son earns enough to buy his own flat and move out, but why should he? I provide a better domestic service for him than he would get anywhere else. He

can spend his salary on his car, his clothes and his girl-

Since "emancipation" from the parental home has traditionally come with marriage, the stay-at-home statistics have also been boosted by the fact that Spanish men and women are now marrying later than ever.



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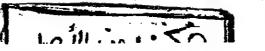
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Dole gets personal as funding row engulfs Clinton

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BOB DOLE will face President Clinton in the second and final presidential debate tonight after launching an aitack on the President's ethics in a last-disch effort to turn the race around.

Fuelling Mr Dole's attack was a burgeoning scandal involving huge, highly dubious, contributions to the Democratic Party and Mr Clinion's re-election campaign from wealthy Indonesians.

Republicans have been mpeting the tawdry hui complex affair fur several days, demanding a special prosecutor be appointed to investigate, but only yesterday did the story pick up momen-turn when it led television news bulletins and crept on to the front pages of several leading newspapers.

Mr Dole, fearful of resurrecting his old "halchet man" image, has long equivocated about directly attacking Mr Clinton. His wife, Elizabeth, has reportedly said that if he is lo lose he should do so with dignity. On Monday, however, he threw caution aside,

At a Kansas City rally he mocked Mr Clinton's claims to an ethical Administration. noting: "Over 30 people gone. They're in jail or they're indicted or they're out of

He insisted that Mr Clinton



unamhiguously rule out presi dential pardons for convicted Whitewater business associates who might otherwise cooperate with Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor. He also compared the White House's invproper acquisition of hun-dreds of FBI files on Republican officials to Watergate.

The Dole eampaign published some searching questions about the Indonesian campaign contributions, "Not some slip. slide and duck, Mr. President. Just answer the questions," Mr Dole de-

Unlike the first debate, tonight's has a "town-hall" forwhere 120 randomly Californians around the stage and ask the questions. Mr Dole cannot control the issues raised, and strideni attacks could badly backfire in such an intimate

Mr Dote is also vulnerable himself. He has done count-

campaign contributors during grown wealthy through means unavailable to ordinary Americans, and was one President Nixon's staunchest defenders during Watergate. He vigorously defended President Ford's subsequent pardon of Mr Nixon.

The most controversial tradunesian contributiums, totalling \$425,000 (£275,000) over seven months, were made by Airef and Suraya Wiriadinata, an Indunesian couple of apparently modest means living Washington's Virginia suburbs Contributions from foreign-

ers are legal provided they are Republicans insist the Wiriadinatas were merely a front for the Lippo Group, a vast Indonesian conglomerate run by the Riady family, whose links with Mr Clinton date back to his Arkansas days. The contributions were so-

licited by John Huang, a former Lippo executive who was given a sensitive Commerce Department post dealing with international economic policy in 1994 and later became a Democratic Party fundraiser.

The Wiriadinatas are now incommunicado in Indonesia, Mr Huang will answer only written questions. The White House flatly insists no laws



Remodelled First Lady takes to the road

FROM TOM RHODES IN CHICAGO

HILLARY CLINTON spent half an hour in the grandiose Chicagu ballroom fore she was whisked away lu another loyal audience in another state to the strains of Sweet Home Chicago, the tune she adopted in her native city.

Mrs Clinton left behind adoring supporters and frustrated journalists. The fundraising event in Chicago offered the Clinton imprimatur for Dick Durbin, the Democratic Senate candidate. Four or five days a week Mrs Clinlon is criss-

e-selected groups from Illinuis to Florida, Connecticul to California, Yesterday it was Arizona. Today she joins her husband for the presidential debate in San Diego, On Friday it will be New Hampshire.

The schedule is released only at the last minute and no member of the media is allowed on her plane. Indeed following Mrs Clinton offers a challenging respite to the publicity-conscious campaign of Elizabeth Dole, wife of the Republican candidate, Bob Dole. National opinion is divided. Fifty per

cent of the electorate, mostly women.

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and cite misogyny as the cause of her troubles. Almost as many view her as a martinet and congenital liar whose hand is behind every scandal that has plagued Bill Clinton's ascendancy from Arkansas to the White House, There is talk of her indictment by Whitewater prosecutors next year. In short, she has become the most potent factor in his re-election. Her carefully-scripted speeches have

reined in the liberal ideology that marked her first two years in Washington and proved so disastrous for Mr Clinton at the mid-term elections in 1994 In twinsel and pearls, this is Hillary the asset, rather than Hillary the liability.

Raids fail to destroy Saddam's missiles

IN WASHINGTON

IRAQ repaired its surface-toair missile system within two weeks of being bombarded with £32 million of American cruise nvissiles, a senior defence official has claimed. It would take "a flip of the

switch" for Iraq to be able to threaten aircraft patrolling a no-fly zone in southern Iraq. the unnamed official told The Washington Post. On September 2 and 3

American forces anacked traqi air defences with 44 cruise missiles after President Suddam Hussein of Iraq sent his forces into Kurdish-held northern Iraq. General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Saddam Hussein that any attempt to repair those sites ... will be taken very seriously." It now appears that the sites

may not have been as badly damaged as thought, or that trag's ability to rebuild its capacity is better than believed. Republicans have criticised the Clinton Administration for wasting millions of dollars on ineffective attacks. The official emphasised that

there was no sign that Iraq plans offensive use of its surface-to-air radar or Sovietmade missiles. The United States has not taken further action partly because Iraq has complied with demands such as removing mobile missile

*Lourdes Maria and her Madonna doing well

was at her bedside

indication whether she plans

Carlos Leon, 30, although her

publicist said he was at the

Suggestions that the Materi-

al Girl's foray into parenthood

was for "shock value" or that

she had "used the father as a

stud service" are wide of the

star's bedside for the birth.

marry the girl's father.

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

BURDENED with instant celebrity and an unusual name. Madonna's first child, a girl, was born without complications at a Los Angeles hospital on Monday afternoon.
Lourdes Maria Ciccone

Leon weighed 6lb 9oz as she entered her mother's world of global fame and closely guarded:privacy.

The arraval of the "showbiz baby of the year" was confirmed by the father of a convicted felon. Dr Paul Fleiss, a paediarrician whose daughter, Heidi, ran a Hollywood callgirl ring, supervised the delivery at the singer's request. Mobbed by camera-messas he emerged from the Good Samaritan Hospital late on Monday. Dr Fleiss confirmed the birth and his role in it and said it had been natural,

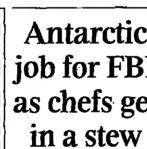
not by Caesarean section, as had been rumoured. Madonna, 38, has given no

published diary, adding: These are comments only a man would make."

In fact, she inspired such talk by joking on television last year that she was considering advertising for candidates for the "fatherhood gig". In the end, she lighted on Mr Leon, a Cuban-born fitness club manager, after bumping into him while jogging in New York's Central Park two years ago. The star spent most of he pregnancy filming Evita in Argentina, Hungary and London, but found time to dine with Mr Leon's family in

Madonna's past is anything but maternal. She exploded onto the pop scene in the early 1980s as a mincing nymphet, and maintained her fame with pointed bras and pornographic picture books.

In the Magazine on Saturday: Madonna on the mak-

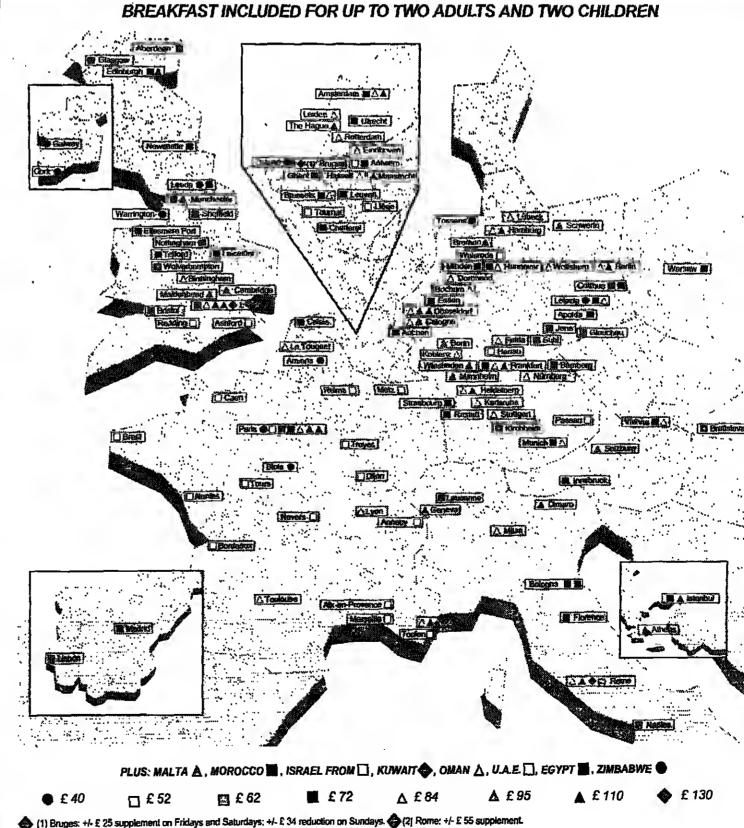


IN NEW YORK

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global goodwill.
The arrival of FB1 agents, along with a solitary Australian official, could create a legal precedent for the policing of the 5.5 million square mile land mass. Details of the incident in the McMurdo Sound kitchen were foggy. but one cook, equipped with an ice axe, was said to have attempted to bury it in the head of a colleague. A third cook joined in, possibly to

An FBI spokesman in claims on the region.



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Antarctic job for FBI as chefs get

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

FBI agents have been sent to Antarctica after a squabble between cooks at an Ameri-

Three agents this week went to McMurdo Sound, site of America's Antarctic base, 10 investigate what could become a landmark case for the south polar continent. Seven nations claim territorial rights to Antarctica, but since a 1961 treaty these have been placed on ice, as it were, in the name of scientific endeavour and

separate the two combatants. Two chefs, named as Tony Beyer and Joe Stermer, were hurt in the alleged altack and required stitches. Another man, who was not named, was being held in custody, pending the arrival of the FBI

Washington yesterday refused to comment on the case, but the American move will be watched with interest by the Governments of Britain. Norway, France, Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina, which have all made

'Striptease' Sandinista chief lures back voters

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MANAGUA

cluding his youngest brother.
"We cannot go on living
with harred and grudges," he
said. "We are a family that

was divided. Now it is time to unite again," he added as girls waved red-and-black pom-

poms before a banner bearing his name and a big red heart

Critics say the Sandinista

changes are more apparent than real. Few have forgotten

the plundering of Nicaragua's

national treasury by Sandinis-

ta bosses during their final

days in office in 1990. Over-

night the comandantes be-came wealthy men, running

an empire of secret front

companies, including banks,

insurance companies, import-

export businesses and large

Señor Ortega has also caused offence by his attempt-ed last-ditch alliances with

former enemies, including

landowners, church leaders

and even members of the US-

backed Contra army which

waged a bloody war against

"It is a political striptease,"

the Sandinistas in the 1980s.

said Sergio Ramirez, the nov-

elist who was the Sandinista Government's Vice-President

in the 1980s but left the party

in disgust two years ago. "If

you take off all your clothes,

Last month Senor Ortega

staged a public meeting with

Contra fighters and signed a

pact offering them three Cabinet positions. The Sandinistas say that more than 4,000 former Contras attended, but

witnesses say only a handful

of commanders were present.

Critics accused Señor Ortega

of making a pact with the devil

in an attempt to win votes. "It is immoral," said Dora Maria

Téllez, a much respected Health Minister in Señor Or-

tega's Government.

you end up naked."

coffee and canle farms.

with an arrow through it.

SIX years after Nicaraguans and the comrades killed, invoted the Sandinista Front for National Liberation out of office, Daniel Ortega, the former President, is staging a remarkable comeback as the country returns to the polls

next Sunday.

After trailing badly early in the campaign, the election race has tightened, with Señor Ortega now nearly even with the favourite, Arnoldo Ale-man, the former Mayor of Managua and a bitter Sandi-

Repackaged as the candidate of peace. Senor Ortega, 49, is running a slick campaign. Seeking to make amends for the policies that alienated many voters in 1990, he has brought his message of reconciliation to far-flung rural corners of this impoverished nation of four million.

During the 1980s, when the United States feared the spread of communism in Latin America, few left-wing leaders got more under Washington's skin than Señor Ortega. "A tinpot dictator," Ronald Reagan called him: George Bush once said that he was a "skunk" at the garden party of

democracy.
But today the Marxist rhetoric is gone. The Sandinistas have changed their tune, replacing the party's revolutionary anthem, which vowed to fight against the Yankee, enemies of humanity", with Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

"It is working," says Oscar Rene Vargas, a political analyst. The Sandinistas have been able to change the image of Ortega from an aggressive figure to a saintly man." Dressed in white on the campaign trail, Señor Ortega says he feels the pain of those worst affected by the country's civil war. "I have also suffered," he told one rally, referring to the seven years he spent in jail



An artist's impression of a stegosaurus, with a double row of spikes along its spine

Rare dinosaur fossils stolen from sacred Australian site

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THIEVES who stole dinosaur fossils from a sacred site near Broome. in Western Australia, got away with what are believed to be the world's only known set of stegosaurus footprints, palaeontologists said yesterday.

The prehistoric remains

came from a track made by the 30ft tall herbivore, distinguished by a double row of spikes along its spine, which roamed the planet during the Jurassic period. The prints date from more than 130 million years ago and were an important link in the chain of evidence suggesting the exis-tence of the prehistoric southern land of Gondwana, over what is now Australia, South America, Africa, India and Antarctica.

Ken McNamara, senior curator of fossils at the University of Western Australia, said



One of the fossil footprints

lable significance. "It is a great loss because they are unique fossil trackways and worldwide they are incredibly rare," he said. "I don't know what the footprints would be worth on the open market, but

on to support the existence of a super-continent is concerned, they were unique." Local Aborigines, who

believe the four footprints belong to a mythical creature from their "Dream Time", are opset by the theft. Aboriginal custodian Joseph Roe claimed the theft could bring

"Whoever's responsible for stealing the rock could fall ill and as custodian I'm at risk myself," he said. "It's a real

Mr Roe said the local spirits would look for revenge. The quicker I get my hands on these things and put them back, the safer it'll be for me and whoever took them."

Police believe the footprints were removed from rock with the aid of power tools. The theft of the dinosaur fossils comes only weeks after the world's oldest rock carvings were found in Australia's Northern Territory.



Scientists measure the stegosaurus footprints near Broome, Western Australia

Worthless' footprints may go to private collector

BY ROGER MAYNARD AND QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

WHILE there is a thriving world trade in fossils, most palaeontologists believe that the stolen footprints of the stegosaurus are so rare as to make them

worthless on the open market. Dr Robert Bakker, dinosaur curator

on Australian radio yesterday that the fossilised footprints would be easily recognisable.

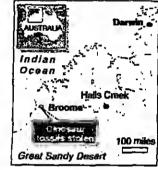
Someone wanted a souvenir, they went out and stole antiquities and since they would be easily identified at a gem and mineral show in a catalogue, their retail value is virtually zip," he said. Police believe the footprints may have

at the Tate Museum in Wyorning, said been stolen by or for a private collector.

North America has a flourishing market in dinosaur remains and artefacts, and prices can run to several thousands, some say millions, of dollars. Trading is mostly legal and is done through various media, from the Internet to big city auction houses, such as Sotheby's. The going rate for a

Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton is said to be around \$1 million (£640,000).

The New York-based US Dinosaur Society, a blameless organisation of dinosaur enthusiasts, yesterday lamented the lack of export restriction laws on dinosaur remains from America and predicted that the dinosaur collecting world would soon also have to come to terms with counterfeiting.





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FACED with the murder of an consist by the hear which imam and sporadic unrest in t. The incident of lune its far western regions, the -Chinese Government is coned hours dur trach sidering closing its northwestbusiness travellers. Plans to close the border I firm strike tionie as a crackdown is under way against Muslim activists

in Xinjiang province. Several hundred have been arrested since midsummer, separatists in Kazakhstan say. The authorities are targetine illegal religious activists with a special focus on underground schools that teach religious dogma and even military training", according in the Peking press. Some schools have been closed. At

least 50 people have been arrested in Kashgar The imam's murder came only weeks after President Jiang Zemin had agreed measures to combat the spread of Islamic fundamentalism with the leaders of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan and it underlined Peking's fear of the unknown after a clutch of new, independent states flowered on its doorstep.

The news of the planned border clusure was disclosed Government is nervous.

From Davio Watts in kashgar, xinjiang, western china by a Chinese guide in Kashgar, a "wild west" border town where the Chinese and Muslims live distinct lives, the former's affairs synchronised clearly rattled by the idea that the Muslim Uighurs might

with Peking several timezones away. The guide was present more of a threat than he had appreciated as we sat drinking tea only yards from where a series of brilliant British agents kept watch on similar strategic develop-ments in the 19th century. Today the low, pink build-

ing where the agents kept watch is a restaurant dwarfed by a garish hotel which artracts Muslim traders from Central Asia and Pakistan determined to exploit China's new, free-market opportunities. The Muslim area around the Id Kah mosque, which attracts 10,000 devotees on a Friday, is surrounded by streets packed with rea-shops and the kind of contraband to make Western conservationists blench. One shop offered a snow leopard pelt for £160 and hats of the same material were on the shelves. It is not hard to see why the

> to consult a bus driver when asked the name of the Uighur head of government. Yet the Muslim threat to

China Is far from proven: Chinese Muslims are the generally less militant Sunni, as are most of their brethren to the west; their women are not heavily veiled. There is no call to prayer before dawn in Kashgar, with attendance at the mosque usually confined

herding horses.

stan and Iran.

tions stretching back to Islanbul that has Peking offi-

cialdom deeply fearful that it

will one day result in the separation of Kinjiang, which

is larger than Tibet, from the

rest of China. And that is not

the only parallel with Tibet: Peking has dubbed Xinjiang

an autonomous region, pour-

ed in Han Chinese to ensure

control, and has the Lop Nor

nuclear testing base in the

province. Any suggestion of

autonomy is clearly a misno-

mer - my Chinese guide had

Jonathan Mirsky, page 22



Arafat proposes US peace force for Hebron

FROM CURISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT proposed yesterday that American troops should be sent to the West Bank as part of a new peacekeeping force to protect Jewish settlers living in Hebron, thus allowing the long-delayed withdrawal of tsraeli troops from the last occupied Palestin-

Western diplomatic sources said the plan put forward by the President of the Palestinian Authority was to form an international peacekeeping force

similar to that helping to keep the peace in the former Yugoslavia. They said Palestinian officials had suggested privately that British and French froops might also play a part.

Last night William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, denied a force including American troops was being considered for Hebron. "It is not under active consideration," he said in Washington before meeting Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister. Earlier, the Palestinian leader revealed that his plan for breaking the deadlock in peace negotiations had

been formally put on the table to the Israelis, Last night Israel rejected the proposed peacekeeping force and accused Mr Arafai of anemping to create a "crisis when the talks are on the point of completion". Mr Arafat claimed, however, that the Hebron talks had made no progress.

David Bar-Illan, the director of Planning and Communications in the the Prime Minister's Office, said the plan to bring in soldiers from the United States and other countries was "amazing". It was in breach of the 1993 Oslo peace accord that the Palestinians Israeli troops 29 years ago.

had insisted must be upheld to the lener by the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu. The Palestinian blueprint would involve the troops patrolling a buffer zone in Hebron, regarded as holy by Muslims and Jews, in protect the 450 Jews in the centre from the 100,000 Palestinians around them.

Mr Arafat's plan was disclosed during a visit to the Palestinian selfrule city of Jericho by King Husain of Jordan. It was the first time the monarch had set foot in the West Bank since it was taken from Jordan by

Pope goes back to Vatican

Rome: The Pope returned to after he entered the Gemelli hospital for the removal of an inflamed appendix (Richard

Owen writes). Before leaving, he complied with a request from children in the cancer ward next to his tenth-floor papal suite to visit them. He gave rosaries to the children and their parents.

Although doctors ordered him to rest after removing his stitches yesterday, the pontiff is expected to appear at his window above St Peter's Square today to mark the eighteenth anniversary of his election as Pope.

'Mercy killing' kit to go on Internet

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

"mercy killing" will soon be available on the Internet, the doctor who invented Australia's so-called death machine disclosed yesterday.

Three weeks after Dr Philip Nitschke connected Bob Dent, a cancer sufferer, to his laptop computer, the software and an instruction kit are about to make their debut on the worldwide web. "It is to let people know and give them some idea of the way this is being done in a responsible fashion in the Northern Territory." he said.

The assisted-suicide soft-

COMPUTER software used ware, which allows the termiwith lethal drugs by entering three simple computer commands, will be available for copying from Dr Nitschke's

He rejected suggestions that he might face criminal charges if a machine built from material supplied on the Internet was used in "mercy killings" outside the Northern Territory, the only place in the world where cuthanasia is

The Darwin-based doctor plans to develop a machine which uses carbon monoxide fed through a mask.

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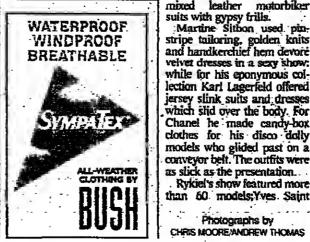
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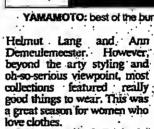
Those who soull when fashion is likened to art should have attended the Comme des Garçons spring/summer 1997 presentation during Paris Fashion Week. There was no music to accompany the modsummer dresses (wrapped and twisted about their bodies) in pink and blue gingham and pastel patterned chiffon.

Nothing remarkable about their bodies about their patterned chiffon.

that, you might say, but then there were the humps. Yes, humps lumps and bumps. Rei Kawakubo, who designs the line, had inserted feather stuffed pillows between flesh and fabric, distorting the per-lectly formed models into hizarre Breughelesque sil-houettes. The body and dress become one," she explains.

Paris Fashion Week is a paradox With nearly 100 fashion shows it is possible to experience the wearable, the wacky and the downright weird. There are the immed-iately accessible clothes of designers such as Valentino and Sonia Rykiel alongside intellectual exercises by the likes of Comme des Garçons.





Both Lang and Demeule-messer do excellent trouser suits - Lang's are stricter, with jackets featuring an inset stripe while Demeulemeester cuts a low-slung, wide trouser worn with an unstructured double-breasted jacket. Lang also featured shift dresses with wavy hems and fluttering Vivienne Westwood created

some of the most elegant silhouettes in Paris — sinuous draped crêpe cocktail dresses, knitted suits and sleek tailoring. She also showed a long black evening dress which was pure drop-dead chic alongside sun-dresses printed with flow ers and fruit. A peach of a

ver at Givenchy, everything was smelling of roses. designed the line, used spriggy Regency prints on flamboyant ruffled matinee jackets and high-waisted Jane Austen dresses. Leopard-spot chiffon was mixed with candy col-oured brocade; while ultra-simple streamlined blazers in black or white were matched with understated contrast skirts with hemlines which skinimed the floor. For his own collection, Galliano mixed leather motorbiler suits with gypsy frills.

Martine Sitbon used pin

stripe tailoring, golden knits and handkerchief hem devore velvet dresses in a sexy show: while for his eponymous col-lection Karl Lagerfeld offered jersey slink suits and dresses which slid over the body. For Chanel he made candy-box clothes for his disco dolly models who glided past on a conveyor belt. The outfits were as slick as the presentation. . Rykiel's show featured more

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tation. Both created utterly Parisian chic. YSL's turedo was teamed with a long black skirt and Rykiel favoured blue

A truly great designer can capture the moment with colour fabric, shape and, most of all, imagination. He or she also instinctively recognises their own particular moment has come. This season Valentino met fashion head-on with a collection which showcased his greatest hits -lightweight frills, asymmetric cutting; jackets that were little more than lace shirts, beadwork and tailoring, softened with lingerie looks.

with lingerie looks.

Narcisso Rodriguez has
made the Cerruti label cool with his red hot designs. This to hang on your wall. In well collection embodied fashion's turned out to be a sensational spirit — sophisticated yet care-season, Paris offered both.

At the other end of fashion is Yohji Yamamoto whose latest show was an exhibition of pure artistry. The Japanese designer embraced colour and monochromatic. He even added humour with spoof Chaneltype suits and a touch of romance with layers of white lace frills. The simplest of tops and trousers looked covetable. Yamamoto is one of the great masters of the craft.

I guess, after all, fashion is a bit like art. Sometimes you welcome the thought-provok-ing and other times you just want something you feel comfortable with, something nice





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The deadly result of **1gnorance**

The discoveries of science may be unpalatable — but we should still be told

few years back, I came across some American research - emanating from an academic medical centre in Illinois, I believe — which found that women whn had abortions while in their late teens and

early twenties seemed to be

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at an increased risk of breast cancer later on. When I raised this once publiely, I was shouted down, reprimanded for reposing too much trust in a report which was based on a lamentably small sample. This report itself never received much currency over here and t assumed my critics were correct. Even the medical establishment didn't appear to set much

store by it or its findings. I had thought, then, that the findings were at best inconclusive, at worst had been irresponsibly interpreted and that was why they were ignored: now f wonder whether they had simply been quashed.

For newer studies confirm those earlier findings: American scientists are once again proposing that abortion does have an effect on the likelihood of a woman's developing breast cancer: but now they go further, suggesting that having an abortion increases one's chances of breast cancer by a third. What's more, they suggest that this has long since been suspected,

Even if inconclusive and all research is by its nature inconclusive - this is extremely blg news, big enough to be analysed seriously. Instead, the scientists are badmouthed for even having the temerity to publish the results.

Ann Furedi, of the Birth Control Trust, does not say that, I admit, but she does say, by way of rebuke, that the risks to a woman's health from continuing an unwanted pregnancy are from abortion"

ow can she be so sure? If she won't even consider these latest findings, how can she satisfy herself that there really is nothing in them?

Evidently she doesn't like the aspersions the research casts on the healthiness of legalised abortion. But how can she assume that not having an abortion may be more detrimental to women's health? If it is the case that the rise in abortions. since legalisation has been what has led to the increase in breast cancer, then we must face it.

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Access to abortion has always been granted, legalv. through the argument that continuing with a pregnancy may be bad for the health of the woman in question, so that is the reason cited in its defence. But we all know that is not the reason most women, certainly in the developed world, have abortions. I am not anti-abortion, but neither am I pro-hypocrisy.

It is not enough to say that because this latest study supports the views of the anti-abortionists, it must be ideologically motivated. Science is amoral: it has no scientific value, indeed, onless it is objective. How it is interpreted may support or denigrate any particular moral outlook, but that is a different matter.

Of course, we must not be naive: the anti-abortion movement is a huge propogandist force in America and we should scrutinise very carefully every utterance and be alert to the potential for abuse. This

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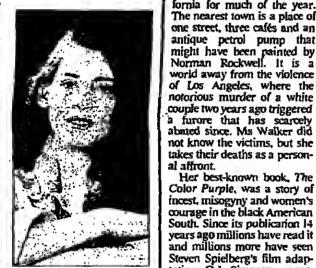
does not mean we must make up our minds in advance that anything which might give ammunition to the ideological enerny has to be wrong. Publishing these findings

may give concern, but is that reason to withhold information? Jost because abortion is legal does not mean that it is agreeable, even withnut the cancer scare. Why should anyone hold that the guill-free, misery-free abor-tion should be desirable. when it cannot, surely, be

appropriate, or frankly even possible? I have written before (when exclaiming at the impertinence of the Government's refusal to inform the public about the possible dangers of certain chemi-cals in infant formula) that aher the birth of my first child I was told by someone who had done research into cot death that bottle-fed babies were significantly more vulnerable to cot death than breast-fed babics. But, she told me, no one wanted to release this information officially

it would cause. It should be stressed that no one knows what causes cot death, but these findings must still be considered, f can see the argument for caurion - we must be measured, we must resist alarmism - but we mustn't ignore or, even worse, take it upon ourselves to hide from others that which is unpleasant to consider. And it can get a little more

because of the consternation



Nigella Lawson

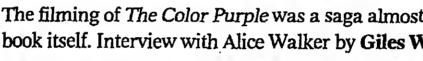
complicated. Scientists have found themselves vilified for publishing views not because their critics disagree with them per se, but because they are afraid of what will be done with them. When, recently, at a conference of geneticists, the idea of a gay gene was mooted, it caused an uproar.

he area of difficulty was not so much that a gay gene might exist since after all, many gay men felt they benefited from a depiction of gayness that did not see it as a pyschosexual aberration but as an essential part of themselves, but that in future a homophobic element could locate and exterminate foetuses with

just such a genetic make-up. The fear is not a foolish one: science may be without moral implication but the same patently doesn't hold for its application and interpretation.

Henry James noted that (along with "the presence of money") the prerequisite for scientific inquiry was "the absence of prejudice". But unless we non-scientists want to show ourselves up as coarse-witted we have to master some absence of prejudice of our own.

is the fastest on the net?



The nearest town is a place of Thousands of black men, unone street, three cases and an antique petrol pump that might have been painted by Norman Rockwell. It is a like OJ. Simpson, read the book, saw the film and condemned them as degrading of world away from the violence their race and gender. It did of Los Angeles, where the notorious murder of a white not help that the film's director was Jewish and - in the precouple two years ago triggered Schindler's List era - synonymous with film-making at its a furore that has scarcely abated since. Ms Walker did Meanwhile, she was coome

lice Walker lives in

spectacular isolation

on top of a golden

hill in northern Cali-

fornia for much of the year.

Her best-known book, The

South. Since its publication 14

years ago millions have read it

and millions more have seen

him to be a banerer," she says.

"Art absolutely

works. That's one

of the reasons

people often hate

it." Ms Walker is

famous not only as

a writer but also as

a hugge. bisexual, im-dancer

and avid commu-

nicator with the

But

would be a mistake to under-

estimate her seriousness. I had

half expected to be swept up in

some wild pagan embrace by

way of a greeting. Instead she

did what, on reflection, you

might expect a Pulitzer Prize-

winning icon of feminism to

do with yet another interview-

Dressed in comfortable writing clothes and thick socks

forced into flip-flops, she led the way through a low-rise wooden house to a broad

balcony overlooking the vine-

vards of Anderson Valley. The

Color Purple, she says, be-

came "a thing around which

people could urganise against

wife-beating, incest, sexism, a

whole range of things." The

trouble was that not everyone

Planet

er. She shook hands gravely.

simuhaneously with her moth er's death, being betrayed by her lover, and a debilitating three-year illness. What should have been a triumphant time in her career turned into an ordeal that drained her of the energy to answer her critics.

read it.

As a creative en-

deavour it is thin. It

consists of her (un-

used) screenplay

for The Color Pur-

ple and a collection

of diary entries

from her time on

the set, followed by

articles written by

others about the

film and letters

written to her in the

Steven Spielberg's film adap-Ten years on she has recovtation. O.J. Simpson, apparered enough to bare her soul in ently, was not among them.
If O.J. had read it and felt a new book, The Same River Twice: Honoring The Difficult. It is a sketchy account of the pain and humiliation of violence from a woman's point the classic novelist's trauma of of view; if he had had art to surrendering to Hollywood, a help him feel the woman's risk she took mainly to bring suffering, it would have been her book to blacks who had much harder for not or could not

'She is a hugger, a bisexual, a laugher and talks to spirits'

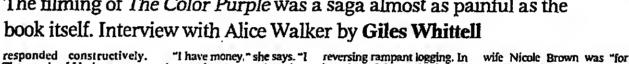
> tumult after its But creativity was not the point. "Before anything else it's a record," she says. "And people of colour in this culture have to keep their own records, because there is a history of distortion of how it really was."
>
> She insists she has nothing

against black men even though one of them. her exlover Robert Allen, admitted having an affair just when her need for emotional support was at a peak. She also points out that she agreed to work with a Jewish, male, director mainly because he was the only one who wanted to film her book.

Spielberg was green and supple", she says. Meaning naive? She denies it. but reveals him more than once as unaware of the insults American culture doles out unconsciously to blacks.

For example, he was looking for ways to include her in the film and suggested she appear holding his newborn son, Max. She declined without saying why. But three years later she wrote Spielberg a lener, that appears in the book, explaining that his suggestion had smacked of racial stereotyping and upset her

Neither does she shrink from mure pernickety kinds of record-keeping. She regrets not having made as much money from the film as she expected and criticises the studiu's accounting methods.



don't grieve over what they didn't give me, because I'm happy. I just wonder if they There is something of the

fortress about this hilltop retreat. Behind a hefty wooden gate it provides a redoubt in the battles for her many causes. She has planted her 40

irresistibly attracted to each Before it turned nasty, the kind of relationship O.J. Simpson had with his murdered ex- In 1957 she married a Jewish

her view of the world the evil

that white men do has got the

better of them, and of most of

the planet. But then she offers

a startlingly optimistic view: black and white people are

ceep them separate, and that

is what was done." She speaks from experience.

lot of

hundreds of years a national

fantasy", she says, "There is a

racially in this country. How-

ever, if you intend to force a

group of people to work for

you, you have to make laws to

love between people

lawyer and moved with him to Mississippi. Inter-racial mar-riage was still illegal there, and they were the state's only inter-racial couple. They suffered taunts, stares and unendurable stress. Asked why they divorced seven years later, she replies with one word:

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The filming of The Color Purple was a saga almost as painful as the

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Alan Coren



2,000,000,001: a space odyssey - or is it just another tall story?

ow time, if Einstein's shade will forgive me, flies! It seems like only yesterday that you and I were waving goodbye to that nice young couple as they set off for the stars on Pioneer 10. yet here we are, about to celebrate the silver jubilee of that fond farewell. Yes, they have been out there, going like the clappers, for a quarter of a century, and sbould now, on Nasa's best estimate, be around one billion miles from home.

And, in that same time, how much further have those they left behind got? Just one inch: for that, we learnt this week, was the increase in height achleved by the average man since 1971. Paltry? Of itself, perhaps, but set beside those billion miles, incalculably significant. significant.

For the couple on Pioneer 10 were precisely that. They were not in Pioneer 10, as a real live couple might have been. They were flark of it. A young, white, naked couple, of average height and build, waving and smiling to show they came in friendliness and peace, etched by Nasa so that the putative inhabitants of wherever Mr and Mrs Man finally fetched up would know just what Earthlings looked like. When that might be was, of course, anybody's guess, and here let me quote from the contemporary report in The Times: "Scientists estimate Pioneer's shortest possible lifetime at two billion years, though moving through frictionless space, where the chance of collision with another body is so remote as to be beyond imagination. Pioneer 10 could continue its journey to infinity." Well, The Times itself has come on a bit since 1971, and I am here to tell you that that collision is not beyond imagination at all, which is why I am prepared to conjoin this week's two coincidental statistics, the billion miles and the inch, throw infinity into the mix, and have a

bit of a think about it. Look at the snapshot atop this column. Does it depict an amoeba? A mollusc, even? No, it does not; but it would have done, once. And not so long ago. either: hardly more than a few million years back. I should have been a pair of ragged claws, scuttling across the floors of silent seas. The snapshot shows only that I have evolved a bit; and now that you have been reminded where I came from, you will twig where my argument is going.

Torget infinity: let us hop forward a mere million years, to the point where Pioneer 10 has at last collided with alien clever dicks on the far side of whatever the near side might be. They are gazing at the 1971 picture of Mr and Mrs Man. But. given what Earthlings would have looked like a million years ago, do you have any notion of what we might look like a million years hence? You do if you have a pocket calculator able to work in terms of 25 years to the inch. Oh, I can't of course swear that in AD 1,001,996 we shall all be 2,500ft tall, some of us might be no bigger than the Eiffel Tower, but the image of Mr and Mrs Man is still going to be extremely misleading to the gawping things gathered around the wreck of Pioneer 10 — even if matters haven't been further complicated by such military contretemps as might take place over the next billennium, leaving the handful of enucleated survivors to mulate into polka-dotted gastropods with 17 heads and a talking navel.

Though I shall not, thank God, be there to see it. I fear for the possible outcome of all this. Suppose the things from Planet X not only so like what they see on the side of Pioneer 10 but are also so technologically advanced as to be able to do something about it, and decide therefore to hop/crawl/ bounce/drip or whatever they do into their own spacecraft and embark on the long trip Earthwards. An aeon or so later, they will frenziedly chuck open the hatch and hurl themselves onto the surface of this planet, shouting: "Never mind taking us to your leader, we have been crossing infinity for what seems like infinity, we are only flesh and blood, where is that woman with the big jugs and the terrific hips, where is that bloke

with the rippling pecs and the perfect teeth?" What, when the visitors discover the truth. will then happen to the luckless skyscraping grotesques who will by then have inherited the Earth, I dare not even begin to imagine.



A better class of waffle

publicist advises a politician in trouble always to be photographed embracing his wife. If n deep trouble he should include his children. But however deep his trouble, he should never risk a speech on the sanctity of the family. You never know what skeleton may leap from the cupboard and dance down Fleet Street. The wise statesman renders unto Government the things that are Government's, and leave to Home the things that are Home's.

Tony Blair may be in no trouble at all. His wife and children may be safety under lock and key. The Shadow Cabinet may have been vetted by Mandelson's Taleban, and declared while as driven snow. But what is this speech in South Africa on Monday about morality, the family and the Decent Society? A plump hostage has surely been dropped in Mother For-

Despite being invited to speak on foreign policy. Mr Blair oddly chose Cape Town to launch the family as a British election issue. According to the spin, he was responding to John Major's attack on his upbringing at the Tory conference last week. Mr Blair wants to portray the Tories as the immoral party and the Eighties as the guilty decade, an era of greed, selfishness, badly behaved children and Thatcherism.

Labour wishes to revive a decent working-class society in which "parents did their duty". A new sense of parental responsibility would ease the burden of the welfare state. Mr Blair plans homeschool contracts in which parents "are told what is expected of them": reading to their children, helping them to perform better, getting them to school on rime. Under Labour, parents must know where their children are and what they are doing. There will be a curfew. This is part of what Mr Blair called a new social and moral code, "not of prejudice but of rules, of order, of stability".

Mr Blair is nothing if not cunning. He wants to pin blame for society's ills on the Tories. He implies that politics over the past decade has contributed to its perceived moral decline, and that polirics in the shape of new Labour can put it right. Yet he also had to cover his libertarian flank. He was not being hypocritical about sex, or about a woman's place being in the kitchen, or homophobic or preaching to people about their private lives". His office later

acknowledged that his much-lauded

Politicians such as Tony Blair are always

saving the family - but we will survive without being baked into a moral rabbit pie

"family unit" includes single parents and homosexual couples. Thus the Tories are to blame for moral decay, but rectifying it will lie as much with "the family unit" as with new Labour.

Politicians parroting bromides about the moral decline of society do so at some peril. There was no Golden Age of the family. Mr Blair should read the usual texts: Laslett, Levi-Strauss, Mount. Longer life, declining family size, more women working, more job mobility cannot simply be disregarded — unless rolities wants to be dismissed as dumb. politics wants to be dismissed as dumb. Mr Blair promises to make the strengthening of family and community life a

central objective of a Labour government". Every Whitehall department will be required to "ensure that its policies and the second se policies nurture these values". But how? To pretend that the present Cabinet has been neglectful of family policy is ab-

Mr Blair show his inexperience so much as in vague assertions about administrators "nurturing values".

There are only two options to draw from this bizarre turn of events. Either Mr Blair's speech was mere electoral Muzak, "feel-good" phraseology devoid of content. In that case we can only regret that the citizens of Cape Town were deprived of Mr Bair's more detailed thoughts on world affairs. Alternatively, Mr Blair somehow means what he says. He really does have a political programme, as yet undivulged, for the "tradioonal family unit".

Labour has just spent a painful decade disentangling itself from its historic commitment to "public ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange". It has accepted the liberalism of the market economy and government deregulation. Government cannot take decisions for private business. Ministers should not second-guess the market. Whatever socialism is about it is no longer about a distinctive approach to

the planning of a capitalist economy. Thus bereft, Mr Blair's lurch into family values seems like ideology on the rebound. Nor is this the first rebound. Two years ago, he redefined "social-ism" as a version of the popular American concept, communitarianism. This involved granting local communities and their institutions more power at the expense of business and central government. I thought this a genuinely creative line for new Labour to pursue. It built on the party's traditional concern for poor neighbourhoods, and offered a local basis for equity in combating need. New Labour is stalling on communi-

> ow Cabinet proposes to "empower" communi-nes, politically, legally or fiscally. Nervous of its record in local gov ernment, Labour is hesitant of such empowerment. Nervous of the Treasury, it is hesitant of any move

tarianism. I still have

no idea how the Shad-

towards redistributive community taxation. Instead, Mr Blair has plumped for "family policy" to guide Britain into the new millennium. Economic nationalisation did not work. Mr Blair turns his gaze on the nation's domestic life and finds it awash in moral turpitude. He will "nationalise" that instead. Such. nationalisation should not place undue strain on the Exchequer.

Mr Blair is always refreshing in debate, so let us press him further. He equates family and community. Philoso-phers normally link family with the individual. The family as an institution sits over against the "community". Families are by their nature Darwinian units striving for survival in competition with others. Their nature is to resist collective egalitarian pressure. If Labour wants to place the family on an ideological pedestal. Mr Blair must resolve this paradox, and do so other than by merely pleading in aid Halsey's meaningless epigram, "Socialism is collective individualism". The Tories are having enough trouble equating paren-tal choice with selective cotry to grammar schools. If Mr Blair wants to give "the family" primacy in access to schools, hospitals and public housing, he has a tough job on his hands. South African speeches are easy. Queen's

Speeches are hard. I assume what he means in practice is more laws, more intervention and less individual liberty. Mr Blair says he has no desire to interfere in people's personal lives. In that case, what is this new "moral and social code" that he believes should be shaping our society, as against the one in operation now? I am told the present Government is creating a new offence every week. Labour's proposed interventions - against school truants, late children's parties, parents' who fall their prep, noisy neighbours will make the present regime seem like. Liberty Hall. Mr Blair will say that he is just "suggesting". An army of inspectors are now imposing similar suggestions from successive Tory education, health and social security ministers.

I I wish for advice on how to conduct my marriage or bring up my child I will not ask a politician. If Mr Blair thinks Britain is sun into social and moral decline fand feels the need to warn South Africans rather than Britons about it) he should be more specific. He should be more specific both about the decline and about his cure Peter Rabbit and his mother survived Mr MacGregor's vegetable garden without a lecture from new Labour on the need for a curfew and parental control. Somehow the Blair family survived the Eighties without being baked into a moral rabbit pie.

Mr Blair used to be an eminently practical speaker. His party conference ninted at a new and alarming millenarianism. A magnetic force appears to be drawing him away from the dispatch box and towards the Mount of Olives. "Let us not delude ourselves." suddenly cries, that we can build a society fit for our children to grow up in. without making a moral judgment about the nature of that society." Really? Who is We? What does he mean by Fit for our children? And what, to a politician, is a Moral Judgment about the nature of society? This may be a better class of waffle than Neil Kinnock's. But it is still waffle. Leave Home alone, Mr Blair. Just cut the public sector borrowing requirement.

Nothing to lose but new chains Jonathan Mirsky

remembers Peking's

political prisoners

This has been a busy week for Pekings jailers. Cell doors are swinging open and banging shot. Out this week came Yao Wenyuan, one of the two surviving members of the Gang of Four. In went Liu Xiaobo, who has been there before for saying and writing too much. In jail already, and likely to stay in much longer, is Wang Dan, once China's most wanted criminal, who suffers from Lio's disability. but in a more severe form. But Wang Xizhe, a fellow talker and writer of Liu Xiaobo's, who has been in and out of prison since 1974, slipped out of the net over the weekend and is now in Hong Kong I once spent an evening each with Mr Yao and Mr Liu, but have only admired Wang Dan from afar.

Before he suddenly became one of

Mao's favourite authors, for one work only. Mr Yao, now 64, was a party writer in Shanghai churning out horta-tory essays. But in 1965 he wrote a newspaper feature criticising a play by Wu Han, the deputy mayor of Peking. That article was the opening shot in the Cultural Revolution, which was to last: until 1976. Wu Han's play was an allegory about a 17th-century mandarin who dared to chide the Emperor; it was really about Marshal Peng Dehuai, who in 1959 had told Mao that his economic policies were causing millions to starve, and was purged. Yao's essay, which Mao sub-edited three times, led to the death of Wu and his immediate family and the jailing torture and killing of many other high ranking party mem-bers whom Mao deemed to be Wu's coconspirators and therefore traitors.

Yao had been brought to Mao's attention by Jiang Qing, his wife. Together with two other sycophants, Zhang Chunqiao and Wang Hongwen, they, formed what immediately after Mao's death in 1976 was called the Gang of Four. At their trial they were accused of almost single-handedly causing millions to suffer this made it unnecessary to inquire why millions more enthusiastically collaborated. Yao received the lightest sentence, 20 years which expired this week. Madame Mao hanged herself in her cell in 1991, Wang died of cancer, and Zhang Chunqiao remains behind bars. I sat next to Mr Yao late one night in 1972 while interviewing Chou En-lai. He never took off his blue cap, squirted whipped cream from an éclair all over himself, and continually interrupted and joked with the Premier. Sevenicen years later, in the spring of 1989, two nights before the Tiananmen killings, I sat in a small Peking flat, thick with tobacco smoke, and helped Liu-Xiaobo, now 37, a university lecturer and three of his friends, including Hou Defian. China's most popular singer, to translate into English an explanation of why they were on hunger strike to support the demonstrations. Mr Lio subsequently spent 19 months in Peking's notorious Qincheng prison. In 1995 he was redetained without charge for seven months after signing human. rights petitions with other intellectuals. Last week Mr Liu and Wang Xizhe,

another implacable dissident, published a petition calling for press freedom. government action against Japan which occupies disputed islands in the East Chica Sea, and talks with the Dalai Lama. They also suggested the impeachment of President Jiang Zemin. On Tuesday Mr Liu was taken from his home by security men and within 24 hours his wife learnt he had been sentenced to three years' "education through labour", a penalty the police can impose without trial.

doubt whether this will crush Mr Liu; I can still see him, the young. university lecturer racing from group to group in late April 1989 during the early days in Tiananmen Square. scolding the students for not standing up for their political rights. And I recall his words in the speech he was composing in that smoke-tilled room on the night of June 1: "We want to tell the people that what the Government calls a small group of troublemakers is actually the entire Chinese nation."

Wang Dan may be only 27, but in the Chinese State's eyes he is a deep-dyed counter-revolutionary. He disappeared in Peking 18 months ago, not long before the anniversary of Tiananmen, where he had been easily the most impressive figure. When he went on the run after the killings, he was number one on China's list of 20 most wanted fugitives. He served almost four years in Qincheng, and after his release was endlessly harried and detained. In December 1994 Wang- Dan did the unheard of: he brought a suit against the police for violating his human rights and appealed to the UN.

Mr Wang came to public attention in 1989, when he was a freshman at the elite Peking University where his father realing officerally where its latter taught. That spring he organised to salons where liberal intellectuals spoke informally to students. In early April, just before the demonstrations began, he pasted on the university's central bulletin board a 56-signature poster which noted that 200 years after the French Revolution. China was still not free: He edited a magazine which was closed after exactly one edition: it had criticised Deng Xiaoping.

A very cool slender youth in a zippedup jacket. Mr Wang spoke quietly in ... Transamen Square to hushed crowds. and in a late-night meeting on May 18, with the Prime Minister, Li Peng in the Great Hall of the People, seen live on television all over China, he said little except to ital Mr Li, who would soon "Burnster" trousers, taking the plumber onto the catwalk he remains in that square.

Brushed off

TWO LEADING art historians are beaded for the libel court after one of them, a cataloguer of the Queen's art collection, described the other as "an ignorant" and "rather presumptuous".

Professor James Beck, a veteran of the art history department at New York's Columbia University. has issued a writ against his opposite number at Harvard, Professor John Shearman. The two men have had a longstanding disagreement about art restoration methods and their latest dispute concerns proposed work on the Scrovegni Chapel frescoes by Giotto in Padua. The case will take place in Italy.

Beck, who chairs the international pressure group ArtWatch, has called for the work to be delayed until it has been further discussed. Shearman, a Brit formerly at the Courtauld Institute, wants the work to proceed. And he sought to warn Paduans against Beck in a leaked letter to the local

council. 1 hope that you will understand that James Beck is a rather presumptuous person and, as an ignorant ... he has little authority." wrote Shearman. Sir Ernst Combrich, the art critic has

signed a petition supporting Beck's stance on the frescoes. But Shearman, for whom the term "dry as an unbuttered biscuit" might have been invented, groans at the mendon of his adversary: "I never wanted to stir up controver-

Over or the glossy magazine emporium Conde Nast, there is chaos in the offices of its lotest



"It could be your

magazine GQ Active. The editor, Francis Cotton, has resigned just days after getting his feet under the desk. We find it rather strange," odmits o spokeswoman through gritted, out perfect, teeth.

Squeaking

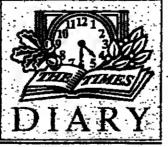
AMONG THE sleek and pampered guests at the Savoy Hotel in London is one who does not pay any bills. A fearless mouse has been spotted in the Thames Foyer, scampering around the gazebo. The hotel has just undergone extensive refurbishment and redecoration but the mouse survived the

This is a brave mouse," says the unflappable lady who spotted it recently, "It sauntered about in the middle of the room, enjoying the attention." The hotel is investigaong.

The Pango

THEY TALK only of ballroom dancing at the Governor's residence in Hong Kong, Chris Patten is being encouraged to take up the sport in order to woo Chinese support before the handover in 1997. Dancing is the colony's latest

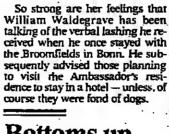
Society functions are no longer complete without a frenzied dis-



play and contenders for the post of Chief Executive after the English leave have been practising their steps. One candidate, Peter Woo, a frightfully rich businessman, so dazzled diners at a recent function that he received a standing ovaoon. "Chris Patten has been forced into taking a few turns after dinner." one social observer says. "He needs lessons - Angela Rippon should steady herself for a call."

Doggerel

LATEST to face the teeth of the quarantine laws is Lady Broomfield, wife of Sir Nigel Broomfield, British Ambassador in Bonn. She says she would rather put down Karie, her 132-year-old English springer spaniel, than see her endure kennels for six months when the family returns to Britain in

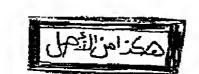


Bottoms up

STANDING aloof from the cele-brations for Alexander McQueen's elevation to chief designer at Givenchy are his former employers, the Savile Row tailors Anderson & Sheppard. "He was only here for a couple of months," said a manager at the shop. "No one remembers bim." Gieves & Hawkes, McQueen's

next employers, were more generous. "He is remembered for being extremely enthusiastic and conscientious," Robert Gieves says. The nation's plumbers and builders, whose trademark is the "cleavage" trouser line known as builders bottom, side with Gieves & Hawkes rather than with the sour faces at Anderson & Sheppard. It was McOueen who took them into the realm of haute couture with his brow-moppingly chic "burnster"





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THETTIMES

CAN'T JOIN, WON'T JOIN

Politicians should accept that Britain is ineligible for EMU

The moment of truth on Britain's membership of the European monetary union is approaching and the real decision may be made sooner than either John Major or Tony Blair expects. Regardless of the many arguments that can be made for and against the single currency, there are two practical reasons why Britain will soon have to rule itself out as a founder-member of EMU.

The first reason was given over the weekend by Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister. Membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism for two years is "an absolute precondition" for any country that wants to join the single currency, he said. Since there is not the slightest chance of sterling re-entering the ERM before the general election. Britain will be disqualified from EMU membership m January 1999. Kenneth Clarke has loudly rejected this interpretation of the Maastricht treaty, but his protests have fallen on deaf ears in Europe, and rightly so.

Mr Clarke's interpretation is completely inconsistent with the language of the treaty. This is the treaty which the Chancellor once famously boasted about never having bothered to read. For Mr Clarke's benefit, the relevant passage states: "The criterion on participation in the exchange-rate mechanism shall mean that a Member State has respected the normal fluctuation margins provided for by the exchange-rate mechanism for at least two years before the examination (on which countries are eligible for the single currency). In particular, the Member State shall not have devalued its currency's bilateral central rate against any other Member State's currency on its own initiative for the same period." Since a country like Britain that is outside the ERM does not have a "bilateral central rate", such a country cannot fulfil this criterion.

The European Council could, of course, amply ignore this provision of the treaty and let Britain in. But such blatant contempt

for the treaty would virtually guarantee an appeal by opponents of EMU to Germany's Constitutional Court. It is hard to see why European leaders would want to jeopardise the entire EMU project in this way.

But even if Germany and the others were unexpectedly to give way on the question of ERM membership, another even more daunting practical obstacle to British membership of EMU has now arisen. This is revealed by the story on our front page today from Charles Bremner, our Brussels correspondent. The European Commission. under strong German pressure, has put forward a "stability pact" which would have to be accepted by all members of EMU. This pact would allow the European Council, by majority vote, to levy enormous fines on the taxpayers of any country whose policies it deemed to be unsound. These fines would, in Britain's case, be equivalent to an additional three pence on the standard rate of tax. That such an infringement on Britain's fiscal sovereignty could be whipped through any British Parliament likely to be formed after the next general election beggars belief.

As the practical details of the single currency become clearer, the entire project is moving further from the realm of practical politics, at least in Britain. Diplomatic reasons for maintaining ambiguity may remain; any chance of helping to prevent EMU happening at all needs to be considered. But, in domestic British terms, the increasingly obvious impracticality of putting Britain into EMU presents politicians with an opportunity. Without splitting their parties or pandering to anti-European sentiment, it is now possible for both Mr Major and Mr Blair quite simply to rule out EMU membership in 1999 as a practical option, as Denmark has done already and Sweden may do soon. Whichever party first decides to do this will deserve plaudits for common sense and honesty with the voters, as well as for its political skills.

UNDER THE LASH

The Commons must rethink its practices

There could be no surer sign of how blurred the principles of Parliament have become than that David Willetts is blamed by his colleagues more for having written down a conversation with a committee chairman than for having overstepped the mark in the first place. Yesterday the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, paved the way for the matter to be referred to the Standards and Privileges Committee. When MPs debate the motion today, they should try to shake off their cynical cast of mind and see themselves through the eyes of the outside world.

The charge against Mr Willetts is that, as a government whip in 1994, he tried to exert undue pressure upon the chairman of the Members' Interests Committee to minimise criticism of Neil Hamilton. In a handwritten memo reporting the conversation, he recorded that there were two options: the committee could either deem the case to be sub judice. or it could "exploit" its Tory majority to protect Mr Hamilton.

This may be how business is routinely conducted in the Whips' Office. But it is not how business ought to be conducted. For other MPs to claim that Mr Willetts's only crime was to commit the conversation to paper - in other words, to be caught shows how deep the vein of cynicism runs. Prima facie, Mr Willetts's real crime was to breach the Chinese wall that is supposed to separate the executive from the legislature.

A whin's job is to ensure that government business is passed through the House. It is perfectly proper for whips to exert pressure upon MPs to vote according to their party's manifesto rather than their consciences. It is not proper for whips to ask committees to put naked party interest before the interest of Parliament. If Mr Willetts did do this, he is culpable of lowering the esteem in which

politicians of all parties are now held. Mr Willetts's friends will doubtless argue that these practices are widespread and have always been so. This is not persuasive: the power of the executive relative to Parliament has increased hugely in recent decades. MPs should in any case be wary of confusing practice with principle. If such has been the practice, it ought to be stopped.

The House of Commons now resembles the City of London in the mid-1980s. All sorts of dubious practices, such as insider dealing, were tacitly tolerated in the Square Mile until they were made illegal. In order to prevent traders exploiting the knowledge of corporate financiers, Chinese walls were set up, with compliance officers to enforce them. That was the only way in which selfregulation could work. If Parliament wants to continue to regulate itself, it could learn a lesson from the self-denying ordinance that is now practised in banks.

Moreover, it must be seen to regulate itself justly and openly. To that end, the Standards and Privileges Committee should set up a sub-committee to investigate in open session all the allegations surrounding Mr Hamilton, and ask the Commons to give it the powers to take evidence on oath and allow legal representation. This could easily be done by a simple vote on the floor to amend the committee's standing orders. It would be in line with how the Nolan committee envisaged such inquiries being conducted.

Parliament should remember that its new procedures are on probation. The Nolan committee will revisit them next year to examine how well they have worked. The spotlight shining upon the Commons over the next few months will be fierce. In the interests of all politicians' reputations, it is important that they do not flinch in the glare.

SECOND CHANCE

Saddam must be kept out of the new Kurdish conflict

International politics rarely permits second chances. When it does they must not be ignored. The unexpected revival of the Patriotic Union of Kurdisian (PUK), evident in its recapture of Sulaimaniya and advances on Degala and Koi Sanjaq, suggests that the strategic advantage grasped by Saddam Hussein through his alliance of convenience with the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) might prove tenuous.

The extent of the PUK recovery is uncertain. The claim that it might move on Arbil, the city whose fall triggered the last crisis involving Baghdad and Washington, looks ambitious at present. Jalal Talabani, its leader, has been circumspect about his intentions. The deal with Iraq struck by Massoud Barzani and the KDP should not seduce the Allies into taking sides in the Kurdish fratricide. The potential power of Iran over the PUK is as challenging to the West as Saddam's courting of the KDP. The United States has rightly urged a ceasefire and offered the offices of the State Department for renewed negotiations. The true ir rests of Iraqi Kurds would be served by unity within their own ranks. Internal

rancour best serves Saddam Hussein. Whether or not such discussions can be brokered, one matter must be absolutely clear. Iraq cannot again be permitted to use its forces to change the course of Kurdish affairs. When 40,000 troops and 450 tanks crossed the 36th parallel and then entered Arbil in August, the Clinton Administration claimed that they had evaded US detection. That statement was either a shocking indictment of American Intelligence or masked an equally disturbing reluctance to take political risks resisting Saddam.

The White House then responded by launching 44 missiles against southern Iraq and extending the no-fly zone up to the 33rd parallel. This move had considerable military virtue, but the abandonment of northern Iraq led most observers, to conclude that Saddam had emerged stronger from the overall exchange.

On this occasion there can be no doubt that Saddam has both the willingness and the weaponry in the region to take further part in this conflict. Were he to do so and push back the PUK a second time, it would be a humiliation for the United States and its allies. Washington must make it transparent that any second intervention would trigger a telling military response aimed directly at Iraq's forces entrenched outside Arbil. It should be backed by other nations. Better still, those troops should move immediately to positions below the 36th parallel. As Saddam observes his manocuvre in the north unravelling, he could, with one eye on the American electoral calendar, consider it worthwhile taking on the West once more. He should be disabused of any such notion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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in Bosnia elections

From Sir Kenneth Scott

Sir, Sir Terence Clark (letter, October 9) is right in pointing out that the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) did not use the words "free and fair" in their certification of the elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina. But his assertion that none of the conditions specified in the Dayton peace agreement existed To even the minimum acceptable degree" ignores the following facts:

tion Commission, which I chaired during minst of the preparations for the elections, ensured that the elections were conducted in an orderly and technically correct way. They passed off virtually without violence. contrary to widespread predictions. 2. A large number of opposition parties took part in the elections. They received substantial financial help from OSCE for their campaigns, had access to state-controlled as well as independent media to put their message to the

t. The multi-ethnic Provisional Elec-

electorate, were able to hold politicat meetings and rallies with very little disruption or interference during the two months of campaigning, and won a total of 57 out of the 265 seats in the three parliamentary assemblies. 3. The Election Appeals Sub-Commission, consisting of Muslim, Croat and Serb judges with a Norwegian chair-

man, imposed a number of penalties for breaches of the electoral rules (mostly by the three ruling parties). These included fines, disqualification of candidates and dismissal of corrupt election officials.

4. None of the parties has seriously challenged the results. The high turnout of voters (however

one estimates the size of the electorate, which nobody knows precisely), and the relative success of the opposition in making inroads into the monopoly of power, demonstrated that the people of Bosnia wanted the elections to be held and had faith in OSCE's assurance of the secrecy of the ballot: and the overwhelming verdict of international observers was that the elections had passed off as well as could have been expected in the circum-

It is easy to say that the elections were not "free and fair" in the generally accepted meaning of those words. But they represented a small but important step in the gradual process of democratisation, and all those who have the genuine interests of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina at

Yours faithfully, KENNETH SCOTT (Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. January - October, 1996). 13 Clinton Road, Edinburgh. October 10.

From Sir John Weston, Permonent Representative, United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations

Sir. I am surprised that my former colleague Sir Terence Clark is "amazed" (letter, October 9).

The Security Council was informed in writing on September 29 by Carl Bildt of OSCE "certification" of the election results in Bosnia. In his letter to the UN Secretary-General Mr Bildt said that "conditions have been met for decisions envisaged in paragraph 4 of the Security Council Resolution 1022 to be taken - ie, the holding of "free and fair elections".

Of course none of us should pretend that the efections in Bosnia were comparable to elections in Bootle or Boston or Berlin. But they tested the political wish of the Bosnian people, and by any reasonable standard were a success. That being so, the Security Council had no alternative, and its decision was unanimous.

JOHN WESTON, UK Mission to the United Nations. I Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 885 2nd Avenue, New York 10017. October 14.

Drainpipe appeal

From Mr Edmund A. Booth Sir, It may seem rather trivial tomake a planning fuss over a £3 length of pipe: but cost is not the issue at stake in the case of the appeal to be held over a plastic drainpipé at Binderton House, West Sussex, the Grade II listed former home of Anthony Eden (report, October 10).

As the American Bill Bryson comments in his current bestseller on the casual treatment of our sensitive environment, Notes from a Small

it's easy to believe that you can take away chunks of it and that there will still be plenty left. In fact, the country is being nibbled to death.

We owe a lot to our conservation officers for their efforts in protecting us from the "nibblers"; but it seems to take a visitor from overseas to remind us of this.

Yours faithfully. EDMUND A BOOTH, 16 Grange Road. Lewes, East Sussex.

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'Free and fair' vote Keeping Britain free of rabies

From Mr Adam Suicliffe

Sir. If quarantine "has been undeniably effective" in keeping rabies out of the UK (leading article, October 14) where is the causal link between the imprisonment of domestic animals for six months and our freedom from rables? The tragedy is that there is

The number of domestic animals entering the UK from EU countries which have developed rabies in quarantine over the last 20 years is nil fleners, October 3). Su if all those animals had been released straight into the country without quarantine the difference to our rables-free status would have been none whatsoever.

Is this a demonstrably effective justification for maintaining our current quarantine laws? If so, then I can claim that the regular mowing of my lawn over the past 20 years has done the job just as well.

Yours truly. ADAM SUTCLIFFE. 33 Prospect Road, Child's Hill, NW2

From Mr Roger W. Baker

Sir. The present six-month quarantine regulation has a statistical probability of detecting rabies of 88 per cent, thus permitting 12 per cent of quarantined animals to be released, having served their time in kennels, into the UK with undetected rabies.

The same percentage failure can be obtained from two approaches. Firstly, during the last 62 years 28 cases of rables have been confirmed in animals entering the UK, although none since 1970. Of these, 25 individual animals developed clinical signs during the six-month quarantine period. the remaining three did not.

Secondly, the stadstical probability of a rabid animal showing clinical signs within a six-month period is 88 per cent. In the 20th century a policy with a 12 per cent known failure rate is unacceptable,

Within the EU there is no dog rabies, only fox rabies which is a different genotype. The genotype of rabies, be it fox rabies, dog rabies or

lar primary host. There has never been a recorded case of other than a primary hust either introducing rabies into a previously unaffected area or of passing the disease to another animal. be it man or beast.

raccoon rabies, is specific to a particu-

Vaccinación alone provides an improved protection for the UK, and vaccination and subsequent blood testing - to demonstrate that the individual animal concerned has satisfactorily responded to the vaccination (under WHO guidelines) - provide safe-guards that are significantly greater than quarantine alone.

Yours faithfully, ROGER W. BAKER (Veterinary surgeon). t56 Cromwell Road, Whitstable, Kent.

From Mr P. J. Ilias

Sir, How unfortunate that the news about possible changes in the Brirish quarantine legislation should include what I regard as tendentious com-

Advocates for change are not just diplomats or soldiers "who are thinking of their own convenience" as you say in your leading article. Neither are they only rich people who, say, have holiday homes in France and would like to take their dogs back and forth" as suggested by a quarantine kennel owner freports, October 14). Outraged comments by diplomats

and soldiers just anract more publicity and as a consequence find their way into newspapers.

I experienced this obnoxious law first-hand when my dog was locked up for six months and barely survived. I am neither a diplomat nor a soldier. but would very much like to take my dog when we go on holiday to the Continent

The passport for pets policy works perfectly well in Sweden. The only issue is a loss of income for quarantine kennel owners.

PETER J. ILIAS. 5 Rutland House, Marloes Road, W8. October 14.

tance journeys and local roads requir-

ing low-speed traffic in populated

areas. Perhaps the former should be

treated as any other utility and their

Since the user of such a utility would

have to pay extra for better roads or

the £24 billion already paid in road

taxation), the problem becomes one of

phasing in a payment system until electronic road charging for individ-

ual vehicles can be introduced. The

alternatives include an additional, but

separate, fuel charge and a separate

management privatised.

Transport policy

From Professor Keith B. Madelin

Sir, I support Robert Napier's call for more investment in transport fletter, October 8), but it is now unrealistic to expect this to come from public expenditure. No matter how justified the need, the real politics of both the Conservative and Labour parties will give higher priority to education, health and social welfare.

British Rail has now been privatised, so its future investment will depend more upon the needs of the customer than on public subsidies. This leaves roads as the main form of transport remaining in the public-

If new means of investment are to be found then new forms of management will be required.

I suggest the management of the present road network should be separated into roads required for the movement of goods and longer disroad-fund licence. Road congestion must be prevented from polluting our environment and impoverishing our economic and social wellbeing. A more radical solution

is now required.

Yours faithfully. KEITH MADEUN. University of Birmingham, School of Civil Engineering Edgbaston, Birmingham Bt5 2TT.

Young Conservatives From Mr J. O. Holroyd-Doveton

Sir. In your obituary of Lord Finsberg (October 10) you say that Lord Walker and Sir William van Straubenzee are now the only political figures "who can trace their political careers back to the beginnings of the Young Conservative movement. This is incorrect.

Sir Anthony Nutting, a minister who resigned because he disagreed with the Government's policy over Suez, was the first chairman of the Young Conservatives, from 1946-47 (the only YC national chairman to be an MP at the same time).

For the next two years the YC chairman was John Hay, now living in Canada

He was MP for Henley from 1950-74 and also served as a minister. He first became prominent at the 1946 Conservative Party conference when he proposed that the party's annual report be referred back because no debate had been included in the agenda on policy.

Yours faithfully. JOHN HOLROYD-DOVETON (Author, Young Conservatives, A History of the Young Conservative Movement, Pentland Press, 1996), Woodlands, Trusham, Nr Chudleigh, Devon. October 14.

Art of illusion?

From Mr S. R. Wolters

Sir, You print today a "poem" by Jenny Joseph which has been voted the nation's favourite.

It does not rhyme and it does not scan. It is simply an engaging piece of prose with broken lines. By what stretch of meaning can is be called poetry? Is it perhaps on a par with John

Cage's "music" and Damien Hirst's It is what it is called because enough people can be deluded into thinking so. It's all very rum, and very sad.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WALTERS. Gordon Hills, Spout Lane, Little Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk. October 12.

From the Principal of Queen Mory ond Westfield College

University autonomy

Sir, Universides have emerged bruised and battered from the past 15 years or so. Respect for academic freedom and instinutional autonomy has not been a prominent characteristic of our treatment.

The Opposition now seems to be evincing similar contempt and armeance. First, we learn that a Labour government would not permit any institution to benefit from the imposition of top-up fees, despite their legal right to do so (report, The Times Higher Education Supplement. Octo-ber 41; secondly, Oxford and Cambridge are somehow to be coerced into modifying their admissions practices (report, October 7: letter, October 12). although sovereignty in regard to the selection and admission of students has always been regarded as one of the hallmarks of a free university.

Those who had entertained hopes that a change of government would offer the universities some relief from the improper interference and intervention of recent years may be gravely disappointed.

Yours faithfully GRAHAM ZELLICK, Principal. Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, El 4NS.

Dance and drama

From Mr Michoel Sparks

Sir, Mrs Bottomley's proposed Department for Education funding, topped up with lottery cash, for dance and drama training appears still to depend on a local authority discretionary award contribution (report. October 141.

Her gesture will been seen as pointless by many young people in inner-city areas where local authorities have no discretionary award budgets at all.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL SPARKS (Clerk to the Governors). Sir John Cass's Educational Foundation, 31 Jewry Street, EC3. October 14.

BBC, Church and homosexuality

From the University Chaplain. University of Sussex

Sir, Christians will go on being divided over their response to homosexual orientation and its proper expression (letters, October 12). What was so offensive about Mrs Alkins's contribution to Thought for the Day was that by its tone and content it came across

as more of a Polemic for the Day. The tone was certainly abrasive which is why the complaint lines to Radio 4 were jammed (report, Octo-ber (2), and made the proposition that the sinner was to be loved more difficult to take seriously. But to base such a strong attack on what Mrs Atkins supposed Jesus might have said - when in fact he was silent on homosexuality - didn't help her argument.

The equation of adultery with homosexual activity was mistaken, if only because homosexuats have taken no vows. Tu state so categorically that the only valid approach to the complexity of sexual ethics and the success of the Church is to "sound loud frumpets" added a militancy which won't help those who sit and pray with people severely troubled by the dilem-

ma their orientation imposes on them. Christians do have to wrestle with how they offer to God their whole beings in faithfulness, trust, obedience and charity. Mrs Atkins's Thought was more like a banle cry and will only serve to polarise, not to help, a praying and thinking Church honour the relation of the Scriptures to the human condition.

Yours faithfully. GAVIN ASHENDEN, University Chaplain, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex. October 12.

From Mr Dovid Hannon

Sir, It has always appeared to me that Thought for the Doy was intended to be thought-provoking. In this respect, Mrs Anne Atkins undoubtedly succeeded in fulfilling the brief.

Whether I agree or disagree with her is of no significance. However, I certainly found myself forced to sit up and take notice.

Yours faithfully DAVID G. HANNON, 107 Derryboye Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick, Co Down.

From Mr L. P. Cleminson

Sir, Poor old Church of England. A guilty feeling? Or why react so

Mrs Anne Atkins was not "attacking" anyone; she was properly fulfilling the purpose of the Thought for the Day slot, to stimulate the mind to consider serious subjects. Well done. Mrs Atkins, and I fully agreed with your sentiments and appreciated the unaggressive way you put your point.

Yours faithfully. L. P. CLEMINSON, Ridgefield, Monyash Road. Bakewell. Derbyshire. October 12.

From the Vicar of Christ Church. Chislehurst

Sir. It is little wonder that the ordinary churchgoer and ordinary incumbent are baffled by belonging to the "Church of England". Mrs Atkins and I or any other member are just as much the Church of England as Mr Shegog (letter, October 12) and his General Synod Communications Department. Why should the Church of England need a right of reply to itself?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ADAMS. Christ Church Vicarage, 62 Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent. October 13.

From Mr Tony Blake

Sir. The Reverend Eric Shegog expresses his concern about the use of a otatform (Radio 4's Thought for the Day) to attack the Church of England without the Church having an immediate right to reply. Surely this is the case for most

congregations listening to vicars in pulpits across the country every week of the year. Yours faithfully, TONY BLAKE,

Aspen Lodge, Parsonage Lane, Tendring, Essex.

From Dr S. B. Twrvy Sir, Thought for the day - replace Mr Shegog by Mrs Atkins. Yours faithfully, S. B. TWIVY. Willow Cottage, 16 Moor End,

Eaton Bray, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

On the run

October 14.

From Mr M. Gee

Sir, I quote from your News in Brief item today: "A double killer was still on the run last night after absconding from an open prison where he was being prepared for release ... Police ... described him as dongerous" (my italics).

Open prison and being prepared for release but dangerous? Am I missing something?

Yours, bewildered, M. GEE. 263 Earlsfield Road, SW18. October 15.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: His Excellency Dr Eduardo Koloma was received in audience by The Queen and pre-sented the Letters of Recali of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Mozambique in London. Mrs Koloma was also

received by Her Majesty.
Mr. Philip Astley (Director.
Protocol, Foreign and Commonrrotool, Foreign and Commun-wealth Office) was present.

The Lord Howe of Aberavon was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour.

The Queen held a Council at 12-30nm

12.30pm.
There were present: The Rt Hon There were present: The Rt Hony Newton MP [Lord President], the Lord Mackay of Drumadoon (Lord Advocate), the Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP (Secretary of State for Social Security) and the Rt Hon Alasmir Goudlad MP (Parliamentary Secretary) of the Terrange of the Rt Hony Alasmir Goudlad MP (Parliamentary Secretary).

Secretary to the Treasury).
The Lord Clyde was sworn in as a
Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in amendance as Cherk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty

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The President of the Republic of Chile and Señora de Frei visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to Lunchcon.

The following were invited: Seriora Veronica Frei, His Excellency Serior José Insulza (Minister for Foreign Affairs), His Excellency Scrior Mario Artaza (Ambassador of the Republic of Chile), the Hon Ricardo Nuñez (Senator), Senor Roberto Davila (Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice). Mr Andrew Burns and Mr

Her Majesty invested His Excellency with the Insignia of an Excellency with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, this morning presented the Royal Academy of Engineering Prince Phillip Medal at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards presented the World Ship Trust's Maritime Heritage Award and Awards for Individual Achievement at Buckingham Palace.

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His Royal Highness, Patron and
Trustee, today attended Receptions at
St James's Palace for young people
who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's The Duke of Edinburgh this eve-

ning attended a Dinner given by the Anglo-Chilean Society for The Presi-dent of Chile at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London Wt. The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Walting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: The Princess Royal. President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning attended a Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the BT Centre, Newgate Street, London EC1.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon visited Westminster Safer Cities at the Council House, Maryle-bone Road, London NWI, and the

Rossmore Road, London NWI.

The Princes Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, later attended the Industry and Commerce Group Meeting and this evening attended a Corporate Members Reception at Buckingham Palace

KENSINGTON PALACE October 15: The Princess Margaret.

visited the English National Ballet School, Carlyle Building, Hortensie Road, London, SW10, and attended a performance given by the students and members of the English National Ballet, in aid of the School and of the Friends of the Elderty and Gentle-folk's Help, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 15: The Duchess of Glouces ter this afternoon visited Merseyside and was received on arrival by Her Mojesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside (Mr Alan Waterworth).

Her Royal Highness visited Vale House Community Centre, Vale Purk, Magazine Lane, New Brighton and afterwards opened Sycamore Lodge, Learning Disabilities Centre, Greenheys Road, Wallasey, Wirral. Later The Duchess of Gloucester visited Premier Brands, Pasture Road, Moreton, Wirral.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 15: The Duke of Kent this afternoon opened the Library and Resource Centre at the Weald School. Station Road, Billingshurst, West Sussex and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major-General Sir Philin Ward) Philip Ward).

His Royal Highness later visited the Acorn and Young Farmers Club, Brinsbury College, North Heath, Pulborough, West Sussex.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Hanover Band, this evening attended a concert and dinner at the Old Market Brunswick, Upper Market Street, Hove, East Sussex and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson). THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

October 15: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, this morn-ing visited the 1st Battalion the Light Infantry at Meeanne Barracks,

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, later opened the Keni Wing of Hamstel Road, Harlow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex (the Lord Braybrooke).

Royal engagements The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by the American Ambassador and Mrs

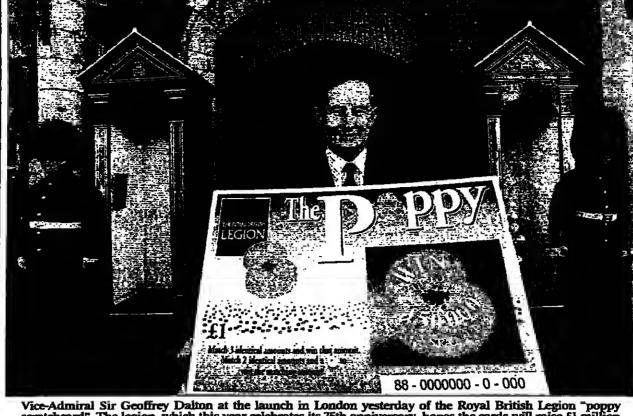
Crowe at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison, Coldingley, Bisky, Woking, at 11,00: as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will open the new Kingston upon Thannes day services centre, Spring-field Place, New Malden, Surrey, at 1.45; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Commodores' reception and annual meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel at 3.30; and as Commandant-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a reception for the Grand Prior's cadets at SI John's

Gate, Ckrkenwell, at 6.30. Princess Margaret, as Col Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal
Army Nursing Corps, will attend the
annual cocktail party at the Royal
Hospital Chelsea at 7.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will present the Queen Mother's Birthday awards for the Tidy Britain Group at a luncheon at the Park Lane Hotel, at 12.35.

Princess Alexandra will visit the House of St Barnabas in Soho, Greek Street, Wl. at 3.30 to mark its 150th anniversary year; and, as patron, will attend a reception and concert for the Florence Nightingale Museum Trust at the Mansion House at 7.45.



Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton at the launch in London yesterday of the Royal British Legion "poppy scratchcard". The legion, which this year celebrates its 75th anniversary, hopes the cards will raise £1 million

Luncheon

Ministry of Defence Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence yes-terday at Admiralty House in honour of General Joseph W. Ralston, Vice-Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States.

Reception

Canning House Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Vice-President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was the host at a Vin d'honneur held yesterday at Canning House in honour of the President of Chile. Heads of Mission of the Latin American and Iberian countries and corporate members of the council were among those present.

Service dinners

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord, was the principal guest at the annual Trafalgar Night dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Cafe Royal, Captain J. Hall, president, was in the chair.

(Retired) Association

Sir lan Scott, President of the Indian Civil Service (Retired) Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the United Oxford and Cambridge University

13 Topographic Squadron Royal Engineers

Major M.R.H. Burrows, RE, was Warrant Officers of the 13 Topographic Squadron Royal En-gineers at a dinner held on October 12, at the Kiseljak Brick Factory, Bosnia. Mejor R.D. Thurlow, RE, now assumes command.

Sir Nigel Fisher

The funeral of Sir Nigel Fisher will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at 11.00am, on Tuesday, October 29. All are welcome; tickets will not

Memorial services Ms Ann Nugent, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Michael Earl, Mr Alex Wengral, Mr John Pelly, Mr Marius Barran, Mr Terrence Chiel, Mr Leonard White Bursa-Bannister Her Rev Michael Histors-Bannister Mr Beland Her Mr Belands (Mr Belands), Mr Belands (Mr Beland

Miss Margaret Rawlings A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Margaret Rawlings (Lady Barlow), actress, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden, The Rev John Hull officiated.

Miss Camilla Sacchi, grand-daughter and the largest Mr. Leffed

Miss Camilla Sacchi, granddaughter, read the lesson. Mr Jeffry
Wickham and Mr Jason Moreli gave
readings. Mr Frank Thornton and
Mr Nigel Davenport gave addresses.
The choir of the Arts Educational
School, Tring Park, conducted by Mr
Vaughan Meakins, sang during the
service, Among others present were:
Mrs. Jane Sacchi (daughter). Mr Tom
Sacchi (grandson). Mr and Mrs Benjamin
Rawlings. Miss Tracy Rawlings. Miss Julia
Rawlings. Major Rorald Warlow.
Lady Altenborough, Lady Macranghten,
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Hugh Wooldridge. Mrss Constance
Commings. Mrs Frank Thornton. Mrs
Edward Salms. Miss Judy Campbell. Mr
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Coust. Mr. Murray Meddin, Mr. John
Casson. Mr Peter Penty-Jones and Miss
Angela Thorne. Mr George Murcell, Mrs
M J Jack. Miss Margaret Andreazi, Mr
John Anderson. Mr Christopher Norman.
Mr Jason Lindsey, Mr Noel Davis. Mrs
Mry Masters. Miss Pullet Panter, Mr and
Mrs Victor Whitworth. Mr Dwold Enders.
Mr and Mrs B Basby, Mr Tim Coodman.
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Birthdays today **Baroness Ramsay**

Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 60; Dr Stefan Buzzacki, biologist, broadcaster and author, 51; Mr Max Bygraves, enter-tainer, 74; Miss Alison Chiny, theatre of Cartvale designer, 48; Mr David Congdon, MP, 47; Mr Michael Forsyth, Sec-MP, 47; Mr Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State for Scotland, 42; Mr Paul Gallagher, trade unionlst, 52; Mr John Grant, former MP, 64; Mr Gunter Grass, writer, 69; Mr W.W. Grave, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 95; Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker player, 49; Lleuterant-General Sir Robert Hayman-Joyce, So; Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 71; Sir Peter Large, chairman, Joint Committee on Mobility for actress, 71: Sir Peter Large, chairman, Joinl Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 65; Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor, 81; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT. 79; Mr Stuart MacLeod, fashion designer, 37; Mr Hugh MacMillan, former Chief Constable, Northern Constabulary, 64; Mr J.W. Melhourn, a director, National Westminster Bank, 59; the Most Rev Thomas Morris, Archbishop Emeritus of Cashel and Emly, 82; Miss Erman Nicholson, MP, 55; the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, FRS, former Presi-

Polkinghorne, FRS, former President, Queens' College, Cambridge, 66; Mr William Webb, conductor, 49; Mr John Whittingdale, MP, 37.

The life barony conferred upon

Cames Capel) and (Harvey and Gone)

A service to celebrate the life of Mr

Christopher Blythe, a News of the World reporter, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John

Oates officiated, Mrs Anne-Marie Wilm, sister, read

the lesson and Miss Helen Varley, sister-in-law, read John Ozenham's Adieu et Au Revoir, Mr David Blythe,

father, Mr George Bingham and Mr Robert Warren. Executive Editor, News of the World, gave addresses. Members of the Ismily, and past and present colleagues, attended,

Mr Chrisopher Blythe

Miss Meta Ramsay has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale, of Langside, in the City of Glasgow.

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

The life barony conferred upon Dame Joyce Anne Anelay has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Anclay of St Johns, of St Johns, in the County of Surrey.

Legal appointments Mr Clive Owen John Behrens has been appointed a Circuit Judge,

assigned to the North Eastern Circuit. Mr Richard Anthony Girvan Inglis has been appointed a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Dinners

Anglo-Chilean Society The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Anglo-Chilean Society last night at the Park Lane Hotel in honour of the President of Chile. Mr Roger Venables, chairman of the society, presided. Among those present were:

present were.
Schora de Frel. Mrs Venables, the
Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, the
Chilean Minister of Economy, the
Ambassador of Chile and Sehora Artazz,
the Dowager Countess of Dundonald,
Piscouni and Piscountess Montgomery
of Alamein, Mr John Gummer, MP, and
Mrs Gummer and the Hon William
Waldegrave, MP.

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at I Cariton Gardens in honour of Mr Mircea Snegur, President of

Inner Temple

Mr Edward Nugee, QC, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, and the Masters of the Bench entertained the President, Vice-President and Council of the Law Society at dinner at Inner Temple last night.

Greater Manchester Lieutenancy Colonel John Timmins. Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant and the Deputy Lieutenants held a dinner last night at the Masonic Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester, Mr George Almond, County Fire Officer, and Mrs Almond were the guests.

Lord Clydesmuir, KT

A thanksgiving service for the life and work of Colonel the Right Hon the Lord Clydesmuir, KT, CB, MBE, TD; will be held in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, at noon on Thursday, December 5, 1996.

Royal Literary Fund

The 206th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Literary Fund will be held at the Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, SW10 9SB. on Wednesday, November 13,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C.H. Barnes and Miss S.P. Leather The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Gilbert Barnes and of Mrs Myfarwy Barnes, of Oundle, Northamptonshire, and Susan, eldest daughter of the late George Leather and of Mrs Doreen Leather, of Southport, Lancashire.

Mr P.A. Budd and Miss R.I. Butlin The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Budd, of Ashley, Cheshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Butlin, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

Mr G.W. Franks and Miss W.A. Balfour

The engagement is announced between George, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Franks, of Beckett's Grove, Matfield, Kent, and Willa, eldest daughter of Mr Roderick and Lady Tessa Balfour, of Burpham Lodge, Arundel, West Sussex.

Mr T.M.C. Holcroft and Miss C.L. Marr

The engagement is announced between Thomas, second son of Sir Peter Holcroft, Bt. of Berrington. Shropshire, and Mrs Simon Firbank, of Bourton, Dorset, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Marr, of Sutton Scotney, Hampshire.

Mr G.F.A. Nixon

and Miss H.L. Biscoe-Taylor The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of Mr B. Cornock Nixon, of Berkhamsted, and Mrs M. MacMillan Nixon, of Little Venice, London, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Biscoe-Taylor, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.H. Parish The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Parish, of Frittenden, Kent, and Zoe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin

Clarke, of Toronto, Canada,

M S.F. Prost

and Miss J.N. Whalley The engagement is announced between Stephane, son of M and Mme Jean Prost, of Monilanquin, France, and Jane, daughter of Dr Kristin Whalley, of Cowden, Kent, and the late Mr Clive Whalley.

Mr I.A. Smith . and Miss J.J. Oakley

The engagement is announced between ian, son of Mr and Mrs Allen Smith, of Woking, Surrey, and Jemima, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Oakley, also of Woking, Surrey.

Mr C. Tunsley and Miss S. Wilkinsos The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Tunsley. of Boston. USA, and Siedah (Becky). daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Wilkinson, of Clifton. Bristol. Mr R.U. Williams

and Miss A.C.G. Haskins The engagement is announced between Rhidian, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Williams, of Penarth, South Glamorgan, and Annabel, daughter of M1 and Mrs C. John Haskins, of St John's Wood. London.

Mr D.S. Winston

and Miss L.A. Nason
The engagement is announced between Darren, only son of Mr and Mrs Barry Winston, of New Jersey, USA, and Lucinda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paddy Nason, of Helions Bumpstead, Essex.

Marriages

Mr P. Kerr-Dinect and Dr S. Dodd Mr Peter Kerr-Dineen and Dr Susan Dodd married quietly in London, on October 15.

Mr B.J.Q. Henriques and Miss K.M.H. Redvers The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at Gloucester Cathedral, of Mr Benedict Henriques to Miss Katherine Redvers. The Very Revd Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor, officiated, assisted by the Dean of Gloucester and the Revd Father Vladimir Felzmann.

godfather of the bride, who gave the address. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Diana Redvers, and Cara, Polly and Octavia de Ferranti, India Rose Smith, Michael de Silva, Peter Henriques and Ludo de Ferranti. Mr Daniel

Renton was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr B.W. Sherret

and Miss F. MacGregor The marriage took place on Saturday, October 5, in Naim, of Brian Watson Sherret, of Aberdeen to Fiona MacGregor, c. Naim. The Rev W. Whyte officiated,

Lecture

Wellington Society Dr Gerald Libby delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Barry Hoffbrand presided.

Agra, 1605: Robert Fergusson, poet, Edinburgh, 1774; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, guillotined, Paris, 1793: John Hunter, anatomist and

surgeon, London, 1793; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, London, 1802; Henry

Martyn, missionary, Tokat, Turkey, 1812; Sir Granville Bantock, com-

poser, London, 1940; Liaquat Au Khan, Ist Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, assassinated, Rawalpindi, West Punjab, 1951; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace laureate 1953, Wash-

The House of Commons was burnt

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, Holyrood, 1430; Albrecht Von Haller, botanist, anato-mist and poet, Berne, 1708; Noah Webster, lexicographer, Hartford, Connecticut, 1758; Robert Stephen-Connecticit, 1758; Robert Stephen-son, civil engineer, Willington Quay, Northumberland, 1803; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Basle, 1827; Oscar Wilde, writer, Dublin, 1854; Michael Collins, Irish patriot, Clonakilty, Co Cork, 1890; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1925, Birmingham, 1863; David Ben Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53 and 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, New York, 1888; Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader 1044-85. Gjinokaster, 1908. DEATHS: Luca Signorelli, painter, Cortona, Italy, 1523; Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, Prot-estant reformers, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1555; Akbar I, the Great, Mogul Emperor of India 1550-1005,

down, 1834. The first aeroplane flight in England was by Samuel Cody, Farnborough, 1908.

ington, 1959.

German war criminals were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946.

Cardinal Karl Wojtyla. Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope with the name of John Paul II, 1978.

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For this people's mind has become dull; they have stopped their ears and closed their eyes. Otherwise, their eyes might see, their ears hear, and their mind understand. Acts of the understand. Acts Apostles 28 : 27

BLIKTON - On 1et October, to Zanna (nee McCarthy) and Robin, e daughter, Kate. CURRY - On October 14th, in Singapore, to Jsne (ode Broomfield) and Jonathan, e son, Edward Alexander John. DAVEY - On October 14th 1996 Benjamin Frederick was harn to Seliy and Timothy.

FOSTER - On 11th October 1996, to Helen (nee Green) and Anthony, e con, Alexander George, e brother for Harriet.

FOUNTAIN - On 4th October, in Stsraherg, Mooish, 10 Samantha (nee Darbon) and Christophor, e con, Maximilian James.

(Bet Wilmins) and open (GOIMG - On October 13th 1996, to Hoethor (ose Lesson) and Patrick, e son, Nicholas Matthew Parker, e brother for Thomas. GRAND - On October 9th in Versailles, to Maylis (nee Wecongne) and Jomes, e daughter, Medelolno Augusta Victoria.

Augusta Victoria.

HARWOOD - On October 7th
1996, to Susan (née Brown)
and Jonathan, e daoghter,
Isabel Sustan Penny, e sister
for Harry.

LAWRENCE - On October 12th,
to Alison (née Gregory) and
Jamie, a suo Hugh Alan, e
brother for Resalind (Rosie).
All is well.

mangwilk - On 11th October, to Alea (oee Glussan) eed John, twin doughters, Francesce and Lufsa, sistem for James and Ben. TROUP - Tim and Lucy (nee Hotchkise) proodly annooce the errivel of twins Phoebe Astrid and Lity Eether oo Fridoy 11th October et St Michool's Hospital, Bristol.

WAINWRIGHT - On 6th October 1996, to Tracsy (nie Peiser) and Simon, a son, Toby George, e brother for Amelia. yATES - Edward Scott Fairless on October 7th to Mark and Peccy (use Woods), s brother for Henry. DEATHS

ARCHIBALD - Soddenly hot pescefolly at Kingswood Court Mursing Home, Surrey. On 18th October 1996, Dr. H. Munro Archibald CB. M.B.E. Private cremation, Memorial Services detelle to bs announced of a later date.

AXTEN - Margaret Elizabeth (Tina), (of Seaford, Spasez) on October 12th 1996 et ipswich Hospital Belowed mother of Wendy, Funeral Service at St Feith's Crematorium, Norwish et 12:30 pm on Setunday 19th October. Flowers and eoquiries to Poter Taylor Funoral Services, 85 Unthank Boad, Norwich, tek (01603) 760787.

BURROWS - On 12th October, Molly, much loved mother of Jeoolfer. Richerd end Michoel, died peacefully et home. No flowers. Cremation private.

CARYER - Marjorie passed ewey peacefully on 14th October 1996 aged 80 years.

CHARCE - On 15th October 1996 et Chetoeo d'Oca Hospitoi, Switzerland, Annaesiey Essiyo (nese Warre), loving mother of Tesas and Colin and devoted grandmothor of Demiao, Alexia, Luciodo end Shannon.

DAVIDSON - Margaret G. died mercifully and pencefully in Creditoo Hospitei on Saturday October 12th 1996 sped 97. She was cherished hy her een Joho ond es dearly loved by Jean, other relatives and many iriends. Fooers' Service et the Church ol St Matthew, Cheritoo Fitspaloe, oo Mooday October 21et et 2pm, lallowed by cremation et Exolet. Further details from A. White & Soos, Peoples Park Roed, Crediton, Devan, (01363) 772042. DRUMMOND - David died a DRIMENDADIO - David died et home peacefully aurounded by family and friends on 10th October efter so extended illuess. Church Sarvice St Columbn's, Pont Street, Loudoo SW1. on Fridoy 18th October ot 10.20am. Family flowors only. Donatinas to Kobler Centre, St Stephens Clinic, Fulham Road, Londou SW10. EDWARD - Janet Gabriel Mary.

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FARRIE - On October 12th at the Churck III Hospital, Oxford, Eoth Stear Fairlie (nee Gregory), for 53 years the wife of James, mother of James, Aldan, Stephen and Josn and grandinother of nine grandchiften. Funeral Service at St Helen's Church, Ahingdon, oo Mondsy October 21st at 1230 pm. femily flowers only. Any docetions to Imperial Cancer Beseurch Fund cho Edward Carter (F(D), 107 Sooth Aveone, Abingdon, Ox14 1QS.

OGSES-MICHIE - Captain R.A., East Boldon, Tyne and West, pescefully on 12th October aged 62 years, Stanley Allen.

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GRATTAM - Awdry Jane on October 12th very suddenly and pencefully at home, mosh loved mother of Patrick, mothst-in-law of Louise and grandmother of Alice, William and Edward. Funeral at Goodnesstone on Tuesday 22nd October at 12 000n. Douations to Goodnesstone Church Appeal Fnod, Middisfield, Goodnesstone, Canterbury, Kant CT3 1FG. Flowers to J. Dilnot Smith & Son, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kent CT13 OFD.

GRIEW - Sdward died pencefully et home on 13th October 1996, heloved husband of Marian and very dear father of Rachel and Simon. Funeral at Wilford Hill Crematorium on Priday 18th October et 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Cancer Eelief or Maradilan Fund may be sent to AW. Lymn, Ruthand House, 128 Melton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NGZ GEP.

HASTINGS - On October 15th 1976, pascefully at home in Andover, Hants, Lt. Col. Charles 'David' William Hestings (35ME 3et'd). Dearly loved husband and lether. All ecopiries to Halcrow & Bens Foneral Directors, 6a Etdge Street, Andoesr, SP10 18H, tel: (01264) 335255.

HOMES - On October 14th 1996, Hugh George aged 72 years of Bishopsteigaton, Devon. Beloved Heaband of Elizabeth All enquiries to T. Clark Funeral Director, telr (01626) 775141. HOOPER - Bill ("Raif"). On October 14th, peacefully but unexpectedly. Much loved inther of John and husband of the iste Noëlle. Funeral Service at Findon Crematorium, W. Sussex on Friday 18th October 240pm. Donations, if wished, to the EAF Benevolant Fund.

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JENMINGS - Veronica (nés Pollok) on 12th October pescefully at home in the presence of her family, after a long illness. Beloved wife of David and greatly loved mother of Jereny, Karen and Robert and grandmother of Piers, Timothy, Estie, Emily, Jassica, Alexau éar aué Serena. Puneral in Ciachan Church, Kintyre, Argyll et noon on Seturdey 19th October. Hemorial Service to be held in London et Holy Trinity Brompton, Brompton Road at noon on Friday 15th November.

KAYE - Cscll Beetrise, peacefully on October 13th, 1996 at Sedhnry Park Nursing Home, Much loved and will be sadly missed. Thanksgiving Bereice at Beachley Caurch on Monday October 21st at 3 pm. Family flowers ouly. Forther enquiries to Philip Matchly & Son, 5 Stetion Ecold, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

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OLDANCER - On October 13th, peacefully at The Conquest Houghts!, St. Laonards, Sussex, Myrtle K.E. oged 95 years. Widow of Alan A. Oldaker C.R.E., of Colonial Bereice (Tengenylka). Private cremation, service of thanksgiving at St. George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on Tuesday October 22nd et 12 noon. No flowers, denarious to The ERLI for the Beaf, clo R.A. Brooks & Soo, 35 Wivehildeld Bond, Haywanis Heath, W. Sussex, tal: (01444) 454391.

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PEARSON - Richard Pearson OBE suddenly at home on 11th October. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Christopher, Collu end Claire, graudfather of Alexander, Mark and Hanriet, brother of Mary and friend of many, Funcani to be baid of many, Funcani to the latends are velcome to attack the service. Floral tributes to Francis Cheppell Ltd. Punearal Directors, 27 London Road, Sevencelte.

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n a display of personal bravery - allied with tactical acumen - which stands out even in the extraordinary annals of the Victoria Cross, Gian Singh overwhelmed singlehanded a series of Japanese strongpoints during the hard fight-ing for the Irrawaddy port of Myingyan in the spring of 1945. Although it was a victory achieved only at platoon level, Singh's action had an inspiring effect on those around him which was of incalculable value at a time when General Messervy's 4 Corps was expenencing increasing difficulties as its columns pressed on iowards Myingyan.

The approach to Myingyan was across a flat, sandy plain. Dust clouds revealed every movement of armour and infantry to the enemy who was strongly dug in with his rear-guards well protected by eleverly sited artillery. Dry gullies and deep ravines lay at right angles across the line of advance, denying passage to tanks. Many of these were screened by thick undergrowth and afforded ample opportunines to ambush the

attacking forces. On March 2, 1945. Singh's unit, the 4th Battalion 15th Punjab Regiment, was advancing down the road between Kamya and Myingyan when it was pinned down by accurate artillery and machinegun fire directed at it from a series of strongpoints and foxholes located in tree-screened positons. Naik (ie corporal, as he then was) Gian Singh, who was in the leading platoon of his company, perceived that a nasty situation was develop-

ing in which the whole battalion might well find itself sustaining heavy casualties. The Japanese defence of

GIAN SINGH, VC



their rearward positions had by this time taken on the semisuicidal hue which had come to characterise their op-eradons as the heady victories of 1942 turned into the biner defeats of 1944 and 1945. With grenades strapped to their bodies, some Japanese soldiers were hurling themselves into the midst of Brirish/Ind-

ian units or throwing them-

selves under lorries and ar-

moured fighong vehicles. Summing up the situation with that factical intelligence which is instinctive in the finest infantry leaders, Singh determined to take out the enemy foxholes before they could inflict the kind of damage that might seriously affect his battalion's attack. Armed with grenades and a submachine gun he assailed foxhole after foxhole, subduing the defendants with grenades and mopping up with bursts of sub-machinegun fire.

During this breathtaking

singlehanded assault, which astounded all who witnessed it. Singh was himself hit in the arm by small arms fire. But he realised that his task was not finished and refused to go to the rear. A cleverly concealed and-tank gun was still giving trouble and he rushed it and killed its crew with more bursts of fire and further grenades. He then called to the rest of his section who, much heartened by his robust action. followed him down the lane along which the battalion had been trying to advance, clearing enemy positions along both sides of it.

the Burma campaign later in the year. During this he was mendoned in dispatches.
With the partition of India The action, which was in the and its Army in 1947, Singh

finest traditions of the Punjabi

regiments of the Indian Army,

helped to keep up the momen-

turn of the assault on Myin-

gyan, which fell later in the

month after further hard fight-

ing. The Myingyan battle was

itself a vital component of the

campaign against the railway

junction at Meiktila, whose

capture prised loose the grip of

General Honda's Japanese

33rd Army on central Burma,

May 22, 1945. Although he had

sustained quite serious inju-

ries, he refused to be invalided

out of the Army, and insisted

on participaong in the drive

Singh's VC was gazetted on

was drafted to the 11th Sikh Regiment in the new Indian Army. He was to participate in further lighting, during the Chinese incursion into India of 1962, and later in operations in Kashmir. In retirement he farmed in Punjab.

A quiet man of great gentleness and charm - though one of unmistakable military bearing - Gian Singh was devoted to his family. He greatly enjoyed the reunions of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association and only illhealth last year prevented him from making the journey to London to be present on that occasion.

Rangoon which concluded His wife Hardail Kaur died last year. He is survived by three sons and two daughters living in this country and a son who lives in India.

PROFESSOR KENNETH MUIR

Kenneth Muir, King Alfred Professor of English Literature in the University of Liverpool. 1951-74, died on September 30 aged 89. He was born on May 5, 1907.

IN AN academic career than began with The Voyage to Illyria (published jointly with Sean O'Loughlin) in 1937 and extended virtually till the day of his death, Kenneth Muir became associated, in a way no other scholar of his era quite did, with the bricks and mortar of Shakespeare scholarship. This was exemplified by his editing of the Shake-speare Survey from 1965 to 1980, an undertaking which he approached with scrupulous exactness.

That is not to say that he

was purely the bookish type. an advocate of the "Shakespeare in the study" school. As a critic he had grown up with the inspirational G. Wilson Knight and was, like him, steeped in stagecraft. The volumes of the Shakespeare Survey which he edited dealt as ally with production as they did with sheer scholarship. Indeed, Muir's own first

sorties into print were as a poet, with the volumes The Neitle and the Flower (1933) and Jonah in the Whale (1935). And his association with the volcanic driving force of Wilson Knight at Leeds ensured that, however deeply he steeped himself in sources and the historical background, he never enrirely dis-tanced himself from the heat of the Shakespearean creative furnace as, in the end, it is experienced in the theatre. He celebrated his retirement by doing something he had always wanted to do - appearing as Prospero in a colleague's production of The

Apart from Shakespeare, the one sphere in which he also made a major contribution was the life and poetical output of Sir Thomas Wyatt. His edition of the poems of this many-sided English Renaissance man - diplomat, courtier and poet - which appeared in 1949, set a standard for all other work, critical and editorial, that was to follow. His Life and Letters of Sir Thomas Wyatt appeared in 1964 and was justly admired

Kenneth Muir was born the son of a doctor in London. In 1914 he and his siblings were orphaned by the death of their father - an event which could

Joonas Kokkooen,

Finnish composer, died on October 2 aged 74. He

was born on November

13, 1921.

be held to account for the stoical self-sufficiency that was ever after one of Muir's characteristics. As a doctor's orphan he was given a free place at Epsom College and went on to University College Medical School.

But at some point he jumped off the train that was carrying him in quite the wrong direction, and transferred to SI Edmund Hall, Oxford. After graduation in 1931, he went to St John's College of Education in York. This was an institution he always recollected with a mixture of amusement and frustration, recounting the many times he was sacked and then reinstated, usually in circumstances that reflected his difficulty in reconciling his socialist principles and taste for theatricals with the restricove ethos of the college.

From this constricting environment he was liberated in 1937 when Professor Bonamy Dobree added him to "the Ministry of All the Talents" he was developing in the English department at the University of Leeds, A department able to accommodate both the Marxist Arnold Kettle and the Christian mysöc G. Wilson Knight was an obvious home for Muir, who shared many characteristics with both these opposed characters. At Leeds he found ample scope for both

his Fabianism and his acting talent, and it was there that he evolved from literary critic and poet into a critic-scholar. It was there, too, that he



homed in on two authors who were to sustain his research interests and enthusiasm for the rest of his life - Sir Thomas Wyan and Shakespeare. |Calderon, his third abiding interest, did not surface until later.) The editions of Macbeth (1951) and King Lear [1952] that he began there for the Arden Shakespeare series established his preeminence as a Shakespeare scholar, combining as they did a careful textual approach with an imaginative grasp of the possibilines of poetry.

In 1951 he moved to Liverpool as King Alfred Professor of English Literature and he stayed in Liverpool for the rest of his life, a model of industry and fair-mindedness to all his younger colleagues, a commanding figure, but a fiercely egalitarian one. At Liverpool he was able to

show to the full his talents as chairman, administrator and collaborarive scholar, clear in what he demanded of himself and of others, but unsurprised by challenge and compromise. Although he usually began by assuming that his colleagues were as clear-headed and efficient as he was himself, the inevitable discovery that they were not was accommodated with fortitude and generosity, It may be said of Kenneth

Muir that his work was his life. He left linle space for small-talk and regarded time not spent in discussion or writing and reading as time wasted. Even in trivial matters like his daily journey to central Liverpool from his home in Birkenhead he refused to be diverted from the work in hand, employing his every few minutes spent on the Mersey Railway to advance his translation of Calderón (or other scholarly work) by a few lines. It was a focus that sustained nim in the loss of his wife Mary and the early death of his daughter Katherine and in the solitary years that followed.

He retired in 1974 but retained his office at Liverpool and followed the same routine he had held to for the previous twenty years. It is fitting that his last public appearance was as a lecturer at the Shakespeare conference in Stratfordupon-Avon only a few weeks before his death. The lecture had to be read for him by Philip Edwards but the sub stance still represented the characteristic virtues of his life: comprehensiveness, lucid-

ity and economy.

He is survived by his son.

GILROY BEVAN **DAVID**



David Gilroy Bevas. Conservative MP for Birmingham, Yardley, 1979-92, died from chronic fibrosis of the lungs on October 12 aged 68. He was born oo April 10, 1928.

AFTER an enterprising busi-ness career, David Gilroy Bevan dedicated his life to politics, first in his home city Birmingham, then in the West Midlands and finally at Westminster. He served as a Birmingham city councillor from 1959 to 1974 and sat on the West Midlands County

Council from 1973 to 1982. After 23 years in local government he became chairman of the West Midlands Transport Authority. In this capacity he initiated a number

of pioneering developments, such as the Cross City Rail Line. He collected the presidencies of various local Tory associations during these years - Moseley, Sheldon and Yardley. In 1979 he gained the constituency of Yardley from Labour. Andrew David Gilroy Bev-

an was born in Birmingham. the son of a Congregational minister and Evangelical

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spired his son to become a forceful, if somewhat stentorian, public speaker. He was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, where, alongside his sporting activities he held the post of secre-tary of the debating society.

preacher who probably in-

He did his National Service with the Bridsh Army first in Austria and then in Hamburg. He was demobilised as a captain in the Royal Army Service Corps. On demobilisation, he

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business. He then trained himself as an auctioneer, valuer and surveyor and established an estate agency in Sutton Coldfield. His first marriage ended in divorce but in 1967 he married

Cynthia Boulstridge, who ran the estate agency during his years as an MP. He was one of Margaret Thatcher's strongest and staunchest supporters through her II years as Prime Minister, and he was greatly saddened by the means and manner of her departure. During his 13 years at

Westminster — he lost his seat to Labour in the 1992 election - he played an active part as a backbench MP, but was never rewarded even by being made a PPS. His interest in transport, though, ensured him a seat on the Transport Select Committee, and he also chaired several Conservative backbench committees including on tourism, recreation and leisure and road passenger transport.

Away from Westminster Bevan led a colourful life, at one time owning an island in the Mediterranean, a luxury vacht at Monte Carlo - while at another time almost buying a castle in Wales. But it was often said that at least he made life stimulating for his friends. colleagues and family and his joie de vivre was the envy of many. In his younger days he developed considerable skill as an artist and painter, at one stage even running an annique shop in Sutton Coldfield.

The last year of his life was overshadowed by a progressive lung disease although he had abandoned smoking many years before. He is survived by his second wife, the son and daughter of his first marriage and stepdaughters.

Romeo and Juliet

Covent Garden

John Percival

BLONDE JULIET CALLS

THE TUNE

For the rest of this week both companies of the Royal Ballet are playing in London. Opening their season in Bow Street last night, the

dancers of the larger troupe lookd innumer-

able compared with their hard-pressed breth-

ren in Rosebery Avenue, whose ranks have been depleted by large-scale sickness. Not that

the larger company is enorely unaffected:

have danced some of this week's performances of Romeo and Juliet, are both unwell.

Happily, however, Natalia Makarova and

fettle for the opening performance.

thony Dowell were both present and in line

Makarova has seen Juliet afresh, very much

in her own image. A blonde Juliet? Yes, and a

completely convincing one, capricious, femi-nine, ardent, Romeo may think he is making

the running in their courtship, but with

Makarova as the heroine she is the one who

She makes fine use of the extraordinary

speed that is one of her many assets. In the first

calls the tune to which both of them dance.

Lynn Seymour and David Wall, who were to

around the world, including performances at Sadler's Wells and the New York Met; and this at a time when few new operas manage a run that goes beyond single figures. It was recorded in 1979.

JOONAS KOKKONEN

FINLAND has been the centre of a remarkable operado renaissance in recent years, with Helsinki and the Savonlinna Festival becoming essendal stops on any musical itinerary, and works by Finnish composers gaining regular hearings around the world. One of the first manifestations of this striking efflorescence. was the 1975 premiere of The Last Temptations, the only opera by Joonas Kokkonen. Finland's most important composer since Sibelius. Based on a play by the

composer's cousin, the opera tells the story of Paavo Ruotsalainen, an itinerant preacher who led a religious revival in the early 19th century. The protagonist is a gloomy obsessive: the libretto is long-winded and episodic. But Kokkonen's score has extraordinary power: stirring, evocative, elegiac, this is music that, for all its complexity, speaks directly to its

The Last Temptations was a huge success. To date h has been seen more than 200 times orchestra, string quartet, and

into her dances.

The Last Temptations was Kokkonen's crowning achievement, but by the time he wrote it his reputation was already secure. Kokkonen always wrote his works out directly in full score, without preliminary sketches. But in his case this was not an indication of effortless fluency. Composioon was a slow and painstaking process for him, and he had exacting standards of selfcriticism. As a result, his published output over a 40year career was restricted to some 50 works; but all are of the highest quality, and establish him as a composer of

international importance. He viewed composition as an organic process, in which a larger form grows out of an initial musical germ or motive, "like a tree from a seed". Four important symphonies demonstrate thinking on a large scale. while Kokkonen also made significant contributions to vocal and choral music, and to the repertoire for chamber

solo piano (he was himself a notable pianist in the 1950s). Though he experimented early in his career with dodecaphony, he never entirely abandoned tonality; his music is intricately organised, but there is an underlying warmth and richness that makes it always approachable and

affecting.
Joonas Kokkonen was born in central Finland. He studied musicology and piano at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, interrupting his studies for military service. On graduating in 1949 he became a lecturer at the academy, and in 1953 was appointed professor of composition there, a post he held until 1963. His pupils included such leading figures of the younger generacon of Nordic composers as Aulis Sallinen, Paavo Heininen and Pehr Henrik Nordgren. He was elected to the Finnish Academy in 1963, and in 1965 became president of the Society of Finnish Composers.

Kokkonen's first marriage was dissolved in 1953; his second wife, died in 1979. He is survived by his third wife, Aniia Pakoma, by a son and two daughters from his first marriage, and by two daughters from his second.

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When Lynn Seymour and David Wall were unwell, Natalia Makarova and Anthony Dawell came to the rescue to take their parts in Romeo and Juliet and were seen to be in fine fettle

love duct her dancing is light as well as fast, and when she rushes off later to Priar Laurence's cell the impetus is more weighty to fit her desperate mood. But there is plenty of variety in her approach: in her first scene, for instance, she conveys Juliet's childishness by the charming little hesitations she introduces

Her acting also contains original and revealing touches. I do not temember other Juliers refusing to accept the sleep-inducing drug that the triat offers. Makarova does so. and is persuaded to try his proposed course of action only after they have prayed together. When forced by her family 10 respond to Paris's attentions, she varies their lormal measures with an anguished, almost angry fluttering of her hands. Is that acting or dancing? Whichever, it looks absolutely right. and presages the tremulous anxiety of her later awakening in the tomb.

Dowell was dancing in peak form: his solo in the first scene of Act It, spinning pell-mell round the market place, won a round of applause breaking into the action. Responding to Makarova's warmth, he showed an unusual impetuousness in his acting too, hunling up from his knees to embrace her almost before the priest had finished blessing their nuptials.

The rest of the cast was familiar, with Michael Coleman's Mercutio acquiring an extra touch of venom in his dying solo. Much interest centred, of course, on the question how the music would sound, reverting to one of the resident conductors after Ahronovitch's guest performances at the end of last season.

Wisely. Ashley Lawrence made no attempt to imitate the extremes of tempi or volume which the Russian had introduced, and on the whole I think I prefer his more temperate approach. There were moments when one missed the passion Ahronovitch dragged from the orchestra (Tybali's death was the prime examplel, but his frequent changes of pace could grow tiresome.

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Handgun ban to be extended

An absolute ban on the most dangerous handguns, including semi-automatics of the type used by Thomas Hamilton in the Dunblane massacre, is expected to be announced by the Government today.

People will no longer be allowed to keep handguns at home, but in addition to the Cullen inquiry's recommendations the use of larger repeating handguns will be prohibited anywhere except by the police and armed forces ...

Fines to keep EU budgets in line

Heavy and repeated financial penalties will be imposed on EU states that fail to keep their budget deficits in line with the rules for monetary union under proposals to be announced today by the European Commission. The system has been designed largely under German pressure

Ulster fears

Fears rose of renewed sectarian violence in Northern Ireland after loyalists announced their intention to march along a contentious section of Londonderry's historic . Page 4

Mini Land Rover

Land Rover is to spend more than £350 million developing a mini four-wheel drive vehicle within two years, aimed at women and young drivers. It will cost less than £15,000... Page 7

New bedside manner

A new style of family doctor was announced with proposals to deregulate GPs and open the profession to new ways of practice. At present they all have individual contracts. . Page 9

Record paddle

Two Britons have made the first unsupported kayak expedition from the source of the Zambezi to the sea. They covered 1,675 miles in three monthsPage 10

Fighter flops

Russia's Mig29 Fulcrum fighter is "almost impossible" to navigate and hopeless in medium-range air-to-air combat, according to a new assessment... ., Page U

Top soldier

General Sir Charles Guthrie, head of the Army, was confirmed as the next Chief of the Defence Staff to succeed Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge next April Page 12

The new Napoleon

Sir James Goldsmith has a Napoleonic ego and his Referendum Party is nothing but a rump of disgruntled Tories and neo-nationalists, his critics say in a pamphlet Page 14

Unhappy Italians

Three weeks after the Italian Cabinet adopted a radical deficitslashing budget it is facing the first rumblings of popular discontent since it was elected last ... Page 15

Kabul on edge Kabul is tense as it awaits an

invasion. The Taleban militia will be driven back to the Afghan capital when General Ahmed Shah Masood takes the Bagram .. Page 16 Face-to-face

Bob Dole faces President Clinton

in the second and final presidential debate after launching an last-ditch attack on the President's ethics.... ... Page 17 Ortega comeback

Daniel Ortega, the former President of Nicaragua, is staging a remarkable comeback as the country returns to the polls next Sunday Page 18

China turmoil

The Chinese Government is considering the closure of its northwestern borders to all but boria fide business travellers because of religious unrest...

Nothing succeeds like excess

Unemployed men who go to the pub are making a network of contacts who can help them to get a job. The modest drinker increases his chances of finding work by 21 per cent over a man who drinks little or nothing. But the hard drinker, who exceeds the "sensible drinking" limit of 21 units a week, has a 30 per cent better prospect of escaping the dole queue



Scott, Tracie, Jason and Sharon McCarthy, who were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh gold awards at St James's Palace yesterday. They started on the scheme four years ago with a week's expedition together in the Black Mountains. Page 4

Pay offs: More than £69 million has been paid to departing executives of Britain's 350 biggest com-

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tour team was beaten 30-22 by a New Zealand President's side in Wellington, but Phil Larder, the coach, insisted it would have no bearing on Friday's opening inter-... Page 47 national match ... Rugby union: French clubs are acknowledged as the dominant force as the Heineken Cup competition's

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ery in August of the abominable crimes committed by an organised paedophile ring has released a huge wave of indignation. How could this have happened in a supposedly civilised country? Who is responsible? What are the police, the law and the Government doing to protect their citizens and particularly the weakest among them, the children, from such unbelievable criminal schemes? - Le Monde

COLUMNS SIMON JENKINS Politicians like Mr Blair are always

vive without being baked into a TOTAL STREET moral rabbit pie JONATHAN MIRSKY

Last week Liu Xiaobo published a petition calling for press freedom in China. On Tuesday Mr Liu was taken from his home and sentenced to three years' "education through labour", a penalty the police can impose without trial...... Page 22 PETER RIDDELL

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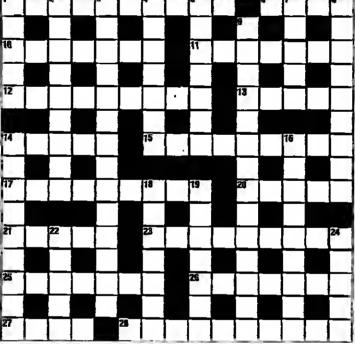
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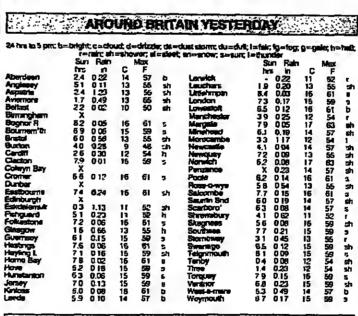
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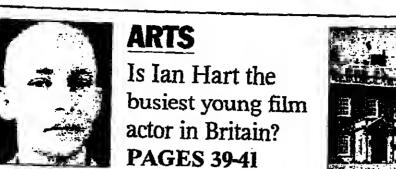
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Sterling rise gains fresh momentum

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

STERLING'S inexorable rise took on a new momentum yesterday. The pound jumped by more than two prennigs to its highest level for almost two years, closing at around DM2.4380, from DM2.4170 on Monday. In US trading, it gained

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even further, breaking above the DM2.44 level. On its trade-weighted index against a basket of currencies, it closed at 88.6, from 88.0 on Monday. "It has taken on a life of its said one currency trader.

tracer.
The dollar also rallied strongly yesterday, hitting a 33-month high against the yen and its highest level against the mark for 20 weeks. It recorded peaks of Y112.39 and DM1.5411. In London, the stock market

also powered to another new record with the FT-SE 100 index closing 12.1 points higher, at 4,050.8. The index had touched a peak of 4,063.2 in trading but came off its high as Wall Street started to turn

After the London market. closed, the Dow Jones industrial average dipped 35 points into negative territory, sugsome swift profit-taking on European markets.

Markets on the Continent joined in the outburst of optimism, with new records set in Frankfurt, Zurich, Amsterdam, Madrid, Stockholm, Oslo and Budapest. Shares in Paris hit their highest level since May 1994.

There was no fresh news yesterday to support sterling's rally but investors marshalled every argument at their disposal to justify the buying spree. In Britain, a self-feeding

phenomenon appears to have developed, with the pound's strength leading to confidence in shares and, in turn, foreign interest in shares boosting demand for the pound. Government bonds were

also buoyant again yesterday. partly because investors watching the pound's persis-tent rally are betting on making currency gains. A plethora of reasons are being cited for the pound's

popularity - some completely contradictory. Developments in Europe is a key justification for buying sterling. Some dealers say that ster-

ling is profiting from a perception that it will not join a

CBI backs Clarke stance on EMU

BRITAIN should keep its options on European monetary union truly open, participate folly in preparations and "try to ensure that the EMU which going to emerge is more likely to be one we might want to join", Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry,

In a speech in the City last night. Mr Torner said it was more likely than not that some countries would go ahead with EMU in 1999 or soon after, and Britain's decision should be made against this context. Whenever Ken Clarke says this it's called a gaffe bot we're in a pretty poor state of poblic debate when the statement of the obvious is political-

ly dangerous or taboo." Alternatives, like trying to dissuade others from going ahead, were unrealistic.

ling's rally is a perception that neither a Conservative nor a Labour election win would pose great economic risks. with both parties committed to prudent monetary and fiscal

> back appears to have largely disappeared since reassuring economic speeches at the main conferences On the margin, stronger oil prices were also quoted as supporting sterling in its status as a petro currency. Crude oil prices traded near to sixyear highs yesterday. North Sea Brent crude futures hit a new post-Gulf War high of

European single currency and

is therefore being bought as a "sale haven". This camp be-

lieves that, with countries like Finland and traly clamouring

to be founder members, the

euro might not be the "hard

currency" that was always envisaged by Germany.

But another camp says that

sterling is being bought on

speculation that an incoming

Labour government is more

likely to be well disposed

towards monetary union and

take the pound into the single

currency. They say that the

pound is in demand, along

with other currencies that are

striving to meet the Maas-

tricht treaty economic conver-

gence criteria. The umbrella

term for this investment activi-

The other key reason being

cited in the markets for ster-

policies. The political risk thought to have held sterling

ty is "convergence trades".

cents on the day. Today, London markets are focused on the latest British unemployment and public borrowing figures.

\$25.06 a barrel, a rise of 20



Sportswear founders cash in

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

JOHN WARDLE and David Makin, the founders of John David Sports, are set to make more than £12 million each when the sportswear retailer is floated on Monday.

Mr Wardle, chairman, and Mr Makin, chief executive, will still own 35 per cent each of the company after the flotation, worth a further Market and Tempus, page 30 | £46.4 million to both on

paper. Up to 30 per cent of the company's shares are to be placed at 285p each, capitalising the company at

£132.6 million. The two opened the first branch in Bury, Lancashire, in 1981. Mr Wardle, 51, was then a civil servant and amateur soccer coach, and Mr Makin, 32, was one of his players. The flotation will raise £8.9 million and will be used to open 25 new branches

each year. There are now 61. "I am comfortable we can take JD Sports to 200 branches," Mr Wardle said.

The company trades as JD Sports, selling branded sportwear, Athleisure, which sells the more expensive labels; and JD, which sells only footwear and is concentrated in central London.

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Ofwat opts for early review

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

WATER companies were yesterday presented with an ulumatum to pump more money into pipelines and improve customer services as the industry regulator announced an early review of price

Ian Byatt, Director-General of Ofwat, will mount a fresh inquiry into the water companies in 1999 - five years before the present price con-trols expire. Although he was expected to launch a review before the 2004 deadline, the timing of yesterday's announcement was a surprise along with his warning that he would watch leakage rates and supply maintenance ahead of the review. Mr Byatt also made it plain

that some cost savings made by companies must benefit customers. He said: "The water companies are now reporting substantial efficiency savings. We will take full account of these at the next review in order that they can be passed on to customers. Customers have seen prices rising for too long."

The Labour Party, which has mounted a concerted campaign against the water companies over service and shareholder dividends, said the fresh review would not go far enough, Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, said: "This is too little, too late. It means that water companies will continue to roll in money until the year 2000." Share price falls among the water companies were generally modest with a number of analysts saying that a fresh review had already been fac-

tored into the price. Mr Dobson said a Labour government would put water at the forefront of a regulatory shake-up across the utilities.

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Gas blow

A row between National Power and United Gas over gas supplies has escalated legal battle that will be closely watched by the rest of the industry. Page 28

Eleventh hour

Inchcape, the motor dealer, halted the flotation of its insurance subsidiary just hours before it was due to go ahead. Instead Inchcape is selling the Bain Hogg subsidiary to Aon. the international insurance

Sacked executives walk off with £69m

By MARTIN WALLER

been paid to departing executives of Britain's 350 biggest companies in compensation for early dismissal over the past three years and the total is accelerating in spite of crackdowns on boardroom greed, according to Pensions Investment Research Consul-

PIRC has found that in spite f publication of the report by the committee chaired by Sir Richard Greenbury, which tion and at salaries and share stubbornly at £20 million and above each year, and is rising. Companies have argued that long notice periods, which

necessary to allow recruitment

recommended by Greenbury.

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Barclays sets up new fund business to invest £230bn

BY ROBERT MILLER

BARCLAYS yesterday created the second largest fund management business in the world to invest £230 billion belonging to pension funds, charities and insurance companies.

Barclays Global Investors was born out of a merger of BZW Barclays Global Investors and BZW Investment Management and includes last year's \$440 million US acquisition of Wells Fargo Nikko Investment Advisers. The new business is second only in size to Fidelity, the American fund manager that

About 11 managers left the newly enlarged Barclays fund management arm this week because of the overlap

looks after nearly £260

created by the merger. The investment group declined to comment on payoffs, but it is understood that the departing managers received an average of one year's salary as

compensation. Lindsay Tomlinson and Patricia Dunn have been appointed joint chief executives of Barclays Global, while Fred Grauer becomes chairman. The group tooks after 1,300 clients in 22 countries and has offices in Europe, the US, Japan, Australia, Canada and

> Until yesterday's announcement the two Barclays investarms had very distinctive approaches to managing money One, which included the

Wells Fargo Nikko business, concentrated on the indextracking and the computerbased concept of looking after

The other practised the more traditional hands-on management technique of selecting each individual share, bond or other types of investment instrument.

Mr Tomlinson said that as the two branches of the business expanded there was a danger of a conflict of interest when they would both be competing for the same fund management contracts.

He added: "Now we can offer any approach to fund management that a client vants under the one umbrella of Barclays Global Investors.

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United News wins battle of Blenheim



Neville Buch will get £27 million for Blenheim stake

By Paul Durman

UNITED News & Media yesterday won the long auction of Blenheim Group, securing control of the exhibitions business

with a £592.5 million cash offer. Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, will receive more than £27 million for his shareholding. Mr Buch and other directors, and their families, are supporting the 500p-a-share offer, letting United secure 51 per

cent of the company.

Linking Blenheim to United's Miller Freeman will form the world's largest trade show group. with combined sales last year of £545 million and profits of £88 million. Lord Hollick, United's chief executive, said the two businesses were a good fit, with Miller Freeman strong in the US

and the Far East, and Blenheim strong in Europe and the UK. United put Blenheim "in play"

when it took a stake of nearly 3 per cent last May, but talks with Blenheim faltered in August, when United seemed reluctant to pay Mr Buch's asking price. Reed Elsevier and others exressed interest in buying Blen-

heim, but discussions were brought to a head last week, when VNU, the Dutch publisher, paid 500p a share for a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim. If United had not made its offer yesterday morning, VNU planned to lift its holding to 25 per cent and then 29.9 per cent — effectively blocking a full takeover.

was glad to have got a good price. Staffan Svenby, manag-Charles Irby, of Baring Brothers, VNU's adviser, said VNU

intended to accept the United offer. VNU was not willing to make an offer because it lacked the knowledge of Blenheim that United and Reed gained from months of due diligence. Lord Hollick said that United

fixed the price it was prepared to pay for Blenheim "way back in June". He added: "We had no interest in getting involved in a fight or a battle. If somebody wanted to pay more (than 500p) we'd very happily stand aside." Mr Buch, who is leaving Blenbeim, said the long negotiations

were "very frustrating" but be

ing director, will join United.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

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Standard Life offers

STANDARD LIFE, the UK's biggest mutual life insurer, is to

introduce a deposit account paying interest of up to 5.4 per cent. However, it claims that it does not intend to follow

Prudential's lead by launching a bank. The account is to be

offered through a link up with Bank of Scotland and will initially be aimed at Standard Life's existing customers. The insurer hopes to encourage hundreds of thousands of policyholders with millions of pounds of maturing endowments to learn their managements in learn their managements.

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Standard Life hopes to afract, in the account's first year, £50 million of an estimated £700 million of maturines. It is offering interest of 4.5 per cent on balances of £1,000 to £9,009; the Halifax Building Society pays between 2.15 and 2.6 per cent. Peter Robertson, Standard Life assistant general manager, and Pagents of Command Life assistant general manager.

said: "Because of our much lower operating costs, we can offer

rates which are significantly better than the those available from the high street branches of banks and building societies."

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Bottomley plea to help lottery-cash applicants

By Jon Ashworth

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, the Heritage Secretary, has urged accountants and lawyers to assist smaller applicants for National Lottery funds. Mrs Bottomley said many potendal beneficiaries of lottery money were unable to clear the minimum threshold.

It can cost £15,000 to £20,000 to submit an application for £800,000 in lottery funds. Mrs Bonomley, hailing the success of the Professional Firms Group (PFG), which provides more than £2 million a year in fee-paying work to community projects, urged firms to widen their net to take in lottery applicants. She said the PFG was providing an invaluable service.

Christopher Jonas, PFG chairman, said the venture had snowballed since starting in 1990. Mr Jonas, former chairman of Drivers Jonas, the chartered surveyor, said: "It just struck me that big companies were giving big sums of money to the voluntary sector, but professionals were doing nothing. What they did have were skills and ome, and they could therefore give professional ad-vice for nothing rather than

giving money."

He added: "We set out to achieve ten firms giving 100 hours a year each per annum free, and we've got 400, giving £2 million of professional advice free each year." The PFG falls under the umbrella of Business in the Community. which seeks to encourage greater business involvement in communities. The aim is to develop the PFG into a 500-

☐ For further information on the PFG, contact Caroline Knighton on 01222 468177.



Jonas: success snowballed



Paul Taylor, left, a director of ALEA, and Terry Robinson, deputy chairman, aim to create Russia's first online lottery

UK team to take lottery to Russia

ELLIOT BERNERD, the millionaire property developer, is seeking to create Russia's first online lottery - with help from a former team from Lonrho, the hotels-to-sugar trading group. Terry Robinson, a one-time Lourho highflyer, has rounded up former Lonrho colleagues for the venture, which hopes to cashin on Russia's growing afflu-

ence (Jon Ashworth writes). ALEA Limited, a Bermudaregistered company controll-ed by Bernerd family trusts, is seeking to raise £32.4 million through a placing on the Alternative Investment Market. Most of the proceeds will be used to finance the Russian National Lottery, which is expected to "go live" in about eight months. Equipment and personnel will be provided by EssNet, a Swedish lottery company. II was re-cently appointed to upgrade the Littlewoods Pools handling systems in the UK.

George Walker, Kevin and Ian Maxwell, are among other UK business personalirles to target Russia.

eries have changed frequently and have been self-

A spokesman for the gener-

ator said that it would pursue

the dispute with confidence at

a full hearing. United Gas said it was also confident of

The contract between Nat-

ional Power and United Gas

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Boot builds profits

HENRY BOOT & Sons, the construction, housing and property company, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.9 million from E2.7 million in the half year to June 30 in spite of a decline in turnover to E75 million from E86.73 million. The company said it continued to adopt "a caurious and selective approach" to construction contracts. Turnover will continue to run at current levels for the foreseeable future, the company said. Earnings were 7.8p a share, up from 7.3p. The interim dividend is lifted to 2.1p a share from 1.95p. The company said unsatisfactory conditions prevail in its markets.

Jefferson outlet falls

A STEEP decline in container prices slashed profits at Jefferson Smurfit Corp. the 46.5 per cent owned associate uf Dublin's Jefferson Smurfit paper and packaging group. The US corporation yesterday reported a dramade fall in third-quarter profits to \$22 million (\$0.20 per share) from \$77 million (\$0.70 per share) for the same period last year. Sales slipped to \$834 million from \$1.1 billion. For the first share of 1006 the person surport \$1.22 million compared months of 1996 the company earned \$102 million compared with \$182 million last year. Sales slumped to \$2.6 billion from \$3.1 billion for the first nine months of 1995.

E&Y to open books

ERNST & YOUNG is to follow the lead of KPMG earlier this year and become the second of the UK's top accountancy firms to reveal full financial figures. KPMG, in an anempt to circumvent problems of partnership liability, was the first when its audit division became a ple in January. Ernst & Young plans to publish its report and accounts early in December, Nicholas Land, senior partner, said: "People will be able to see a full set of financials." Unlike KPMG, which included notional salaries and profit share because of its ple status, Ernst & Young will reveal simple partnership figures.

IAWS advances 14%

IAWS GROUP, the agribusiness based in Dublin, lifted pretax profits 14 per cent to Ir £18.5 million in the year to July 31, helped by steady growth in all divisions. IAWS, which owns the Shamrock Foods distribution network in Dublin, and has fertiliser, animal feed, and fish protein production operations in the Republic of Ireland and the UK, said turnover rose 8 per cent to IrE554 million. Earnings rose 16 per cent to IrIL8p a share. A final dividend of IrI.53p makes a total of Ir2.9p, up 10 per cent. Philip Lynch, chief executive, said the company had invested Ir£10 million over the past year.

Homes starts increase

UK housebuilding activity picked up significantly during the third quarter of 1996, according to the National House bird quarter of 1996, according to the reational Flouse Building Council. NHBC figures show that more than 40,700 applications were made to start new homes during the period, an 8 per cent increase over last year. Growth was higher in September with private sector activity rising 24 per cent, the largest monthly increase since May 1994. During September sales of new homes, at 616, increased by 8 per cent cases the same month last year. cent over the same month last year.

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Texas suffers \$148m loss

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, battered by plunging prices for computer memory chips, said it would offer early retirement to 5,300 employees to cut costs after suffering a \$148 million loss in the third quarter. The loss was attributed to an exceptional charge of \$192 million arising from the acquisition this year of Silicon Systems. Excluding the charge, third-quarter net income plunged to \$44 million from \$289 million. Revenues declined to \$2.84 billion from \$3.43 billion in the third quarter of 1995.

Finnish inflation rises

FINLAND, whose currency joined Europe's exchange-rate mechanism this week, said yesterday that its annual inflation rate had increased slightly to 0.5 per cent in September, from 0.4 per cent the previous month. In September last year. Finland's annual rate of inflation was 0.3 per cent, according to the Government's statistics agency, which said that a 13.6 per cent increase in gasoline prices was the major factor behind the higher inflation, although partly offset by lower

CSX buys Conrail

CSX Corporation of Richmond, Virginia, the international CSX Corporation of Richmond, Virginia, the international transport company, has agreed to pay \$8.4 billion in cash and shares for Conrail Inc, the Philadelphia railway operator. The deal will create une of the world's biggest freight companies, serving the eastern half of the United States from Chicago and New Orleans to Boston, New York and Miami. The company would have annual revenues of more than \$14 billion serving chippers in 22 states with a 20 645-mile.

NatPower and United Gas in legal fight over supply

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ROW between National Power and United Gas over gas supplies has escalated into a multimillion pound legal battle that will be closely watched by companies locked into contracts to buy at prices higher than the current mar-

The generator has served writs demanding £20 million

BRITAIN'S holiday com-

panies have expressed concern

that the Office of Fair Trading

is taking far longer than expected to publish its findings into the travel industry (Mari-anne Curphey writes).

The inquiry was launched

more than a year ago amid

allegations that the largest

running dispute over gas that h says United is contracted to

Yesterday the Court of Appeal overturned a summary judgment that had ruled in favour of Narional Power over disputed gas supply worth £6 million from the generator to United Gas, a division of

UtiliCorp of the US. But the new judgment, which will trigger a full hear-

companies were guilty of anti-

competitive behaviour, a charge the OFT dismissed

The two largest companies,

Thomson and Airtours, have both been seen several times.

Both own airlines and Iravel

agencies and logether control 50 per cent of the British

two years ago.

the sum, comes only days after National Power served a fresh writ for £10.6 million. The remaining £2.3 million of the £6 million under initial dispute has been assigned to National Power.

It is expected that all the writs will be wrapped up in the one hearing that could take up to 18 months. United Gas disputes delivery of the gas for which it has been

holiday market. They are

believed to be prepared to give ground to avoid a refer-

ral to the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission.

The inquiry has focused on the relationship between the

tour operating companies and their high street travel shops; the practice of requiring cus-

that expired last month. United had said that deliveries made by National Power were not in accordance with the supply agreement and that the generator's refusal to explain a delivery statement constituted

a breach of contract. Overturning the summary

judgment Lord Justice Hobhouse said: "The explanations given by National Power of the relevant December deliv-

sold gas for 20p a therm, while the current price has hovered about 8p to 9p a therm. The gas industry is awash with long-term contracts for Concern over holiday inquiry report the fuel at higher prices than it is currently trading at. British Gas is renegotiating its takeor-pay contracts with oil pro-

ducers. It has exposure worth about £40 billion. surance policies to qualify for discounts and special offers; Industry observers say it can the commission the agencies prove difficult to ascertain the charge to outside lour operatransference and use of gas in some cases. It is thought that tors in return for displaying their brochures; and bonus the outcome of the dispute between National Power and United Gas may lead to clearer guidelines over gas contracts.

payments allegedly made to staff to encourage them to sell in-house packages. expects

20% increase By GEORGE SIVELL

RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, owner of The Times, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the current financial year "has opened in a promising way". He said: "I am on record as

saying that we expect a 20 per cent increase in profit for the year. We still expect that and are still aiming for that during the coming year. However, I should say that the first quarter may not be quite up to those expectations, but we will certainly be striving to make up any shortfall."

Mr Murdoch said: "We expect a very good year from our newspaper division in Britain." He told shareholders meeting in Adelaide, South Australia that The Times "is at an alltime record in terms of circula-tion", and that "The Sunday Times has never been better".

He also said that News Digital Systems, which makes the smart cards used in satellite televisinn, encryption and digital conspression technology, will be floated in the two or three weeks as a separate company. It is based half in Britain and half in Israel. Around 20 per cent will be

News Corp | City 'at risk' if UK says no to EMU

By MARTIN WALLER

MOST European businesses believe that if Britain stays out of European Monetary Union, Frankfurt will have surpassed the City of London as Europe's main financial centre within five years, according to the seventh annual survey on the relative strength of the two cities from Healey & Baker. the property consultant.

This is the first such survey to see Frankfurt overtaking London. A poll of 500 European board directors by Harris Research put two opnons. On the assumption that Brit-ain enters EMU, 61 per cent of respondents said that the City would stay dominant and 26 per cent named Frankfurt. However, un an assumption

that Britain opts out of EMU, three times as many respondents saw Frankfurt as top financial centre within five years. In past polls, London has never fallen below 44 per cent of the vote in any circumstance, always beating Frankfurt.

The survey seems at odds with Continental firms moving activities to London, but Healey & Baker says these ex-pect some UK participation in EMU or London's dominance lasting for at least a while.

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Australian PM reviews ownership rules

Share furore hits ministers

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

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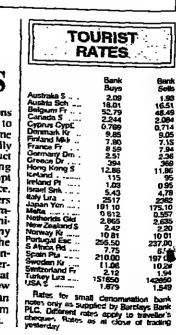
Two other ministers, including Peter Costello, Treasurer, came under fire for owning shares that could present a conflict of interest, fuelling talk of further resignations.

Brian Gibson, Parliamentary Treasury Secretary, stood emerged that he held shares in Boral, a building materials group, while granting an ex-emption that gives Boral En-ergy access to the Victorian electricity futures market. His departure came two

days after Jim Short, Assistant Treasurer, resigned after it was revealed that he had granted a banking literace to a subsidiary of ANZ, while holding shares in the group. Australia's opposition party demanding the resignation of John Moore, the Industry Minister, who revealed yesterday that he had not yet sold

43,000 shares to Bligh Ventures, an investment company he founded, because he could not get a high enough price for them. The resignations are an embarrassment to John Howard, the Prime Minister, who personally introduced a code of conduct for shareholdings on taking office in March in an anempt to improve public confidence.

The code states: "Ministers are required to divest them-selves of all shares and similar interests in any company or bosiness involved in the area of their portfolio responsihilities." Mr Howard yexterday said he was looking at changing the code in allow "blind" trusts so ministers can hold shares without them causing a conflict of interest.



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☐ METHODICAL as usual, lan Byatt has prepared for the general election early. By announcing his mid-term price review three years in advance, the water regulator has his defensive umbrella in place, whatever slings and arrows the campaign outrageously throws at him. Whenever Labour complains or the Tories promise, he is already dealing with it, even if the answer is not due until 1999.

Water shares initially fell vesterday, sensing that an early announcement might mean early shocks. Far from it. It is inconceivable that any regulator would forgo a built-in option to review a ten-year price regime half way through. Imagine the political opprobrium, or the line of questioning on the Today programme, if the Director-General decided to sit on his hands

for five years.

The first review, announced a few months earlier in the cycle, cut average annual real price rises allowed for 1995 to 2000 from nearly 4 to 1.4 per cent, even though the EU had piled on an extra £24 billion capital spending in between. Second time round the process should be faster but Mr Byatt will have to work hard to turn real price rises averaging 0.4 per cent for 2000-2005, under his 1994 regime, to real price cuts

If a Labour government comes

☐ Water review is blessing in disguise ☐ EMU-less London the loser ☐ Investors hold key to payoff payments

Mr Byatt opens his umbrella

to power, the existence of a timetable may deter instant unwise action from Frank Dobson, who is hostage to his own preelection rhetoric. Mr Byatt is already making things easier, talking more about leakages and less about metering as the way to

Mr Dobson's claim, that water companies are not investing as much as they are being paid to. had some statistical backing in 1994-95. Imminent new figures will show if companies again spent under budget because of savings on capital costs, as they planned. If so, Mr Byatt will have more to transfer to customers along with operating savings and, in the current regulatory fashion, challenging targets for future savings. But he will need to guard against expensive new demands floating around in Brussels.

Water companies must expect a tougher line. Unlike gas or telephones, their shares have outperformed the index since privatisation, despite dodgy periods before the last election and the last review - which will doubtless recur. This will count against them until customers enjoy falling prices as well as reliable supplies.

At least this regulator does not believe in the euthanasia of the shareholder, which is implicit in Ofgas's approach to the comparable Transco monopoly, or Offer's new line on National Grid. Companies have plenty of time to make their own price offers to customers, as one or two did last time. They would be wise to do so.

One might bravely agree to take on inflation risk and offer customers stable cash prices. That is something even the toughest regu-

A tale of two cities

☐ HARD to credit, as you sit furning on a becalmed Circle Line this morning, but continental businessmen rather like London's public transport, In surveys it regularly comes up as one of the main selling points to firms thinking of locating there.

The tastes of foreigners are sometimes hard

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fathom, and now a majority apparently regard London as inhabitable without European Monetary Union, according to research from Healey & Baker, the property consultants.

The methodology at least is rather more stringent than the usual Euro-waffle. The basic survey was carried out with a good sample of executives across Europe including the UK. Healey & Baker then followed this up with questions to a smaller number of their continental clients in financial services alone, asking just why London should potentially have slipped behind Frankfurt as their ideal place of work.

The reasons were threefold.

was putting out signals that it wanted to remain offshore, while onshore was where the real action was. Secondly, concern over the cost barriers that an Offshore business would have to surmount to become part of the onshore trading block. Thirdly, economic, in that the Maastricht criteria meant a low inflation,

within the EMU, with Britain presumably a high-spending, high-borrowing fringe player by contrast. Businessmen, understandably, prefer the former even if they might have to pay all their employees a higher wage under the social chapter. The easy conclusion is that

low interest rate environment

half or more of the financial services community would decamp to Frankfurt the day that Prime Minister Sir James Goldsmith announced we would be staying out of EMU. Wrong, both because those firms couldn't - the total workforce in Frankfurt is only just equal to that of the City of London, and the available office space is half that of London as a whole - and because they won't. But it does suggest that the bickering over Europe is having an unsettling effect on businessmen. In which case they will just have to cope at least until the general election.

A raspberry to Greenbury

□ JURIES are easily swayed, but a High Court judge can never be influenced by the opinions of a mere newspaper. It is therefore safe to say that if John Clark, former BET boss whose suit against Rentokil for wrongful dismissal should conclude today, gets away with it he will be in a league of his own.

This is no comment about the merits of his case. But he would shoot straight to the top of the table of big compensation pay-outs made so far this year, whereas if he were forced to rub along on the measly amount on offer from Rentokil he would have to be content with fourth or fifth place. The most depressing aspect of such a table, compiled by the indefatigable PIRC, is its incompleteness. Not only will the odd payment have slipped through the cracks - several

have been announced in the few days since it was compiled many are simply not tracked in any public document. Had Mr Clark decided to slink away with the sum Rentokil had agreed, it would never have been revealed to either sets of sharebolders, but simply rolled up into the cost of the acquisition

There is plenty of evidence that the crackdown on this particular aspect of corporate greed predated the publication of the Greenbury report. As ever, it is up to individual shareholders rather than voluntary codes to limit such greed by their own actions, or accept it with as much good grace as they can muster.

Matching accounts

☐ PROBABLY the weirdest personal finance product ever dreamed up comes from Hong-kong Bank in Mauritius. Apparently Mauritians are mad about British football but generally Liverpool - no, I am not making this up - and Manchester United. The bank has produced two separate accounts, linked to each club. Each point gained in the Premiership puts 0.01 per cent on the interest rate earned by their respective supporters. Just as well no one chose Blackburn Rovers, or they might end up paying the bank.

Inchcape halts float and sells Bain Hogg to Aon

AON, the international insur-Analysts had put Bain ance broker, has snapped up Bain Hogg, the insurance subsidiary of Inchcape, just hours before it was due to be demerged and floated on the ever, Bain Hogg has had a poor year so far, with pre-tax The deal is the latest stage in profits falling almost £5 million to E20 million in the first

inchcape's plan to clear hundreds of millions of pounds in debts. Only three weeks ago Inchcape said it would probably demerge Bain Hogg in order to reduce group borrowings. Aon. The second biggest

insurance broker in the world and with a market capitalisation of \$6 billion, paid £160 million for Bain Hogg. Inchcape said it expected to shoulder an exceptional loss of £195 million, most of which

Hogg's value at demerger at about £130 million, although estimates earlier this year had topped £250 million. How-

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of Inchcape, said: "For some months now we have believed that demerger was the most likely route for the divestment of Bain Hogg. However, having secured a price significantly above the value we expect the market to place on the company if

continue to use Bain Hogg as received a number of apa brokerage service on a worldwide basis.

For the demerger, Inchcape would have needed to put £13 million into Bain Hogg to give it sufficient capital, while restructuring costs would have been a further E20 million. One analyst said: "The price is slightly disappointing. Another £20 million would have been nice."

Aon has a strong US presence but little exposure to the UK insurance market. Staff numbers in the combined operation will probably be cut: Bain Hogg employs about 4,500 people worldwide and Aon's UK activities have a demerged. 1 am convinced that the disposal to Aon repre-3,000 workforce. Philip Cushing, Inchcape's sents the best value for our

Boots sets up shop in Dublin

BOOTS the Chemist is to open its first store in the Republic of Ireland next month and is planning to open a further four within the next few years (Eileen McCabe writes). The Republic's first Boots

The Chemist store, costing £3.6 million, will be in the new Jervis shopping centre in the heart of Dublin and will employ 150 people. Next year two smaller Boots outlets employing 60 people will be opened in Tallaght and Dun Laoghaire on the outskirts of Dublin.

Boots said it was also negotiating to spend a total of £3.25 million on opening a store in each of the two out-of-town shopping developments now under construction outside Dublin that together would employ

Superscape soars on Microsoft deal

By NOEL FUNG

SHARES of Superscape VR. the virtual reality company, rose 162'2p to 565p yesterday on news of a worldwide licensing and distribution agreement with Microsoft.

Superscape's Internet 3D web browser, called VIS-CAPE, will be included in Microsoft's Internet Explorer Starter kit, which will be distributed to all new Windows 95 users. Users will be given a 60day trial period before deciding to pay for an upgrade to a full version of VISCAPE.

John Chiplin, Superscape's chief executive, said: "The agreement gives us a level of distribution we could not even dream of before." The Microsoft agreement

was announced as Superscape disclosed an increase in pretax losses to £2.87 million from £1.75 million for the year to share (30.7p loss). There was again no dividend. Losses were attributed to substantial investment in staff, marketing and the development of new products. Mr Chiplin said: We could have reported a profit last year. But we prefer

structure to get the market while it is still young." Superscape's shares have had a roller-coaster ride this year. They rose strongly from a flotation price of 194p in April last year to 780p in February but plunged in April to 605p when the company warned of higher losses.

to keep building the infra-

Mr Chiplin said the company would continue its strategy of teaming up with leading technology companies and investing for the future. He said more announcements of alliance would be made over the

Gehe sells drugs interests

GEHE, the German pharmaceutical wholesaler that is waiting to hear if it may re-bid for Lloyds Chemists. has sold its generic drug manufacturing operations for DM1.2 billion (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Gehe has sold foor separate groups and its majority stake in a fifth unit. The largest single operation. Azupharma, has been sold to Sandoz, the Swiss chemicals and drugs giant, for DM640 million. Karl-Gerhard Eick, fi-

nance officer, said the move was not directly related to Gehe's attempt to take over Lloyds. Gehe and UniChem are waiting to hear if the Department of Trade and Industry accepts they have found possible buyers for most of Lloyd's wholesaling business.

Saga Petrol set to seek Santa Fe

By CARL MORTISHED

SAGA PETROLEUM, the independent Norwegian oil company, is expected to join bidders for Santa Fe Exploration, the North Sea exploration arm of Kuwait Petroleum

Santa Fe, whose assets are thought to be worth \$1 billion. is being auctioned by Robert Fleming, the merchant bank. The oil company produces about 60,000 barrels a day from its interests in the Miller. Gryphon and Alba fields in the North Sea. Michael Bourgeois, Santa Fe's managing director, said: Saga is evaluating the company at the moment, but they have not made a formal offer yet."

Saga would be competing with other major oil companies, thought to include Enterprise Oil and Arco, the US energy company that last year was trumped by Nor-way's Statoil in a bid battle to take over Aran Energy, the Irish oil exploration company. Santa Fe has proven and

probable reserves totalling 160 million barrels, and interests in 25 offshore blocks in Ireland. it has a 40 per cent share in Enterprise Oil's Corrib North Well in Ireland, which last week made a gas discovery.

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Luggage from Tie Rack



For Roy Bishko it is a case of something different

proaches, and though he de-

clined to give names, both Aon

and Alexander & Alexander,

its US rival, tabled bids last

year, Patrick Ryan, chairman

and chief executive of Aon

Corporation, said Bain Hogg

provided a good UK base and

a very strong platform for

further development on the

continent of Europe, in the Far

East, Latin America, the Ca-

ribbean and the African conti-

nent." Piers de Montfort.

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Stanley, who acted for Aon, said: "We were competing

against the demerger process

and our first meeting was only

TIE RACK, the accessories retailer, is expanding into a new business selling luggage with wheels and may open up to 25 outlets.

The company has been testing "The Rolling Luggage Company" for the past 18 months at Heathrow and Waterloo Station. By the end of this year, it expects to have five branches at Heathrow and to open its first outlet in Lisbon, Portugal.
Roy Bishko, chairman, said: "We are not looking at

creating another Tie Rack, we are adding it on." The business, in which the company bas invested about £250,000, was already profitable, said Mr Bishko, and was a way of building on Tie Rack's exper-tise in airport retailing. He was speaking as the company revealed a 23 per cent jump in interim profits.

Tie Rack made a £604,000 pre-tax profit in the 28 weeks to August 11, compared with £490,000. Sales were up 17 per cent at £48.7 million, although like-for-like sales growth was "between 0 and 5 per cent". Mr Bishko said: "So far in the second half, trading is generally satsifactory.

Earnings per share were up 11 per cent to 0.7p and the interim dividend is raised 20 per cent to 0.6p, payable on January 14. At Lloyds Bank, we judge a new business by its vision, not by the plaque on the wall.



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BT cut 25% off weekday calls to the USA and Canada. GEO Interactive Media, the software company run by Israeli elite soldiers, will be capitalised at £100 million S managing washedly daytime call to the TEA and Canada when trading in its shares gets under way on Friday. Shares are being placed with institutional investors at Hefore October Stit. 100p each. Net proceeds of £10.9 million will be used by Propi Copper Dit. the company to market its gramme, which uses a new form of streaming data. The placing is being underwritten by Panmure Gordon Capelona IN II BOO HOR Bo Square ET and represents 12 per cent of company equity. The remain-

Geo market assault poised to raise £11m

BY OLIVER AUGUST

ing shares will be held by the

Geo's main product range is Emblaze, the world's first solution for real-time multimedia transmission over the

Emblaze Creator and Emblaze E-mail, the two main products, will be distributed globally and are believed to be at least one year ahead of similar programmes developed by competitors.

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Share rise ready for pause after new high

THE London stock market was showing signs of running expected to open lower across the board when trading resumes this morning.

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As one leading market-maker told The Times: "The market is starting to look tired after a good run and everybody has got stock. The options are due to expire later this week and there are a lot of open positions out there."
The FT-SE 100 index extend-

ed its record-breaking yesterday, but with the Dow Jones average dipping back below 6,000 in early trading, the gains in London were quickly halved. The index ended 12.1 points higher at a new closing high of 4,050.8.

Blenheim, Britain's biggest exhibitions company, raced up 23p to 49612p as United News & Media, publisher of the Daily Express, emerged as the long-awaited bidder. Its agreed offer uf 500p a

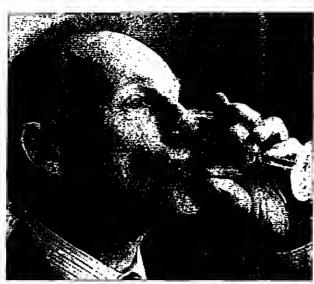
share values the entire oroun at £592 million, but hopes that an auction for Blenheim would develop have been dashed. VNU, the Dutch publisher, which last week bought 14.9 per cent stake in Blenheim, has thrown in the towel. Reed Elsevier is believed to have pulled out of bid talks with Blenheim last week.

UN&M closed 40p higher at

The water companies took a tumble after lan Byatt, the industry regulator, announced that he was bringing forward his price review by five years to 1999. Among the losers were Anglian. Ilp to 54212p, Hyder, 1712p to 695p, Severn Trent, 612p to 59712p, Thames, 5p to 54712p, United Utilities, 9p to 580p and Yorkshire, 1012p to 60512p. Wessex Water also tumbled 1912p to 325p on reports that WMX, the old Waste Management Group, may dispose of

its 20 per cent stake. Royal Bank of Scotland dropped 13p to 5221 ap as BZW turned seller. It has cut its pretax profit forecast from £709 million to £675 million because of increased competition for its Direct Line insurance subsidiary.

Profit-taking left Manchester United 26'2p lower at 5321 ap although City speculators are reluctant to rule out the possibility of a bid. Granada, up 5p_at 885p. Whithread, 12p firmer at 69012p and even IMG, the



Water shares fell as Ofwar's Ian Byatt revealed new plans

international marketing group headed by Mark Mc-Cormack, have been tipped as notential suitors But the Manchester United board still controls more than 20 per cent of the shares and that seems to rule out the prospect of an aggressive bid being made.

Commercial Union ran into profit-taking after its recent specularive run, with the discounting was taking its toll on margins and revenue.

BSkyB, the satellite television company 40 per cent owned by News International.

owner of The Times, continues from strength to strength. The price edged towards the 700p level, touching a high for the day of 683p before ending 18p dearer at a new high of 67612p on turn-

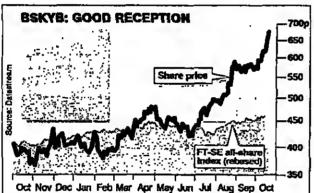
Standard Chartered fell 18p to 693 ap as its own broker Cazenove turned seller. It has told clients it has become cautious about the Far East loan book and that the shares are starting to look expensive. Brokers say Standard is due to talk to institutional shareholders soon, but nothing new will emerge from the meeting.

price ending 12p below its year's high at 663p. Brokers have been discounting claims that the group is in talks with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, about a possible merger.

Smith & Nephew dropped 434p to 20634p after BZW turned seller of the stock. Analyst Steve Plag warned that the group's markets in the US were fiercely competitive and "ferocious", and said that

over of almost seven million shares. It follows a bullish statement to shareholders by Rupert Murdoch at News Corp's annual meeting at which he painted a bright picture of prospects for satellite television. He said: "With regard to BSkyB's profit this year, it will be up again."

Incheape, the international trading group, rose 412p to 28412p after finally announc-



Hogg insurance broking arm for £160 million to Aon. But the deal is likely to dilute Inchcape earnings and BZW has accordingly reduced its forecast by £15 million to £175 million. Confirmation of the Bale left Willis Corroon 212p lighter at 127'2p and Sedgwick 4p easier at 117p. It had been previously thought that Aon would make a move for one of them.

Tie Rack, the niche retailer, received the thumbs-up to half-year figures showing better than expected pre-tax prof-its of £604,000 compared with £490,000 for the corres-ponding period. ABN Arnro Hoare Govett, the broker, was thinking of raising its profit number for the full year by £300,000 to £8.8 million.

A profits warning left Wakehourne nursing a fall of 412p at a five-year low of 16p after the group said that second-half results would be well short of expectations. A profits setback at the

halfway stage left AF Bulgin 9p lower at 59'2p, and the 'A' 134p easier at 1312p. Henry Boot finished 1'2p lighter at 22712 after a modest increase in profits at the half-way stage.

Cl GILT-EDGED: The London market got off to a flying start, reflecting the benefits of a stronger pound and Far East support over-

night for Euror an markets. The record run on the equity market has directed attention towards index-linked issues where the Bank of England issued further stock which was quickly snapped up. This included £150 million of Treasury Index-Linked 25 per cent 2001 and £150 million of Treasury Index Linked 212 per

All eyes are now focused on next Tuesday's dual auction which will include £2 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2001 and £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2015. In the futures pit the Decem-

ber series of the long gilt rose £1122 to £1102512 as 46,000 contracts were completed. Among cash stocks, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose ET16 to £1021132, while among shorter dated issues Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £732 better

DNEW YORK: On Wall Street broad profit-taking preand by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 2.89 points ahead at 6.012.98.

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Making an exhibition

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so is sterling's high yield.

THE most surprising comment on United News & Media's takeover of Blenheim yesterday came from Lord Hollick. The chief executive of United said that in June his board had decided that 500p a share was not too much to pay for the exhibitions group. Unfortunately, the rest of the world believed that United was dissuaded from bidding in the summer because the price was too high.

Clearly, there has been a misunderstanding. But the long-running City soap opera was brought to a head by the intervention of VNU. the Dutch publishing group that last week bought a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim. VNU. which was prepared to raise its stake to 30 per cent but not to make a full offer, now seems content to retire gracefully from the battle.

Blenheim deserves its shareholders' congratulations for confounding the sceptics and

delivering "a price with a five in front of it". Thanks to its determination, or perhaps thanks to VNU, United is paying a full price, but one that can be justified. Blenheim fits well with Miller Freeman. United's exhibition business, and a merger should yield cost savings. Miller runs a successful trade publications business, which helps to stimulate attendance at its exhibitions. With the full benefit of Blenheim's reorganisation still to emerge and its biggest biennial exhibitions coming up in 1997. United should comfortably achieve its target of improving earnings in the

first full year. Blenheim is United's first big acquisioon since the merger with MAI — one reason why the company may have dithered. Yesterday's share price bounce suggests that the market reckons the price for waiting was not too high.

substantially better short-term rates than almost any-

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books, and if industry is to be

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Sterling

THE MOST reassuring explanation for the rise and rise of sterling is that there isn't one but many. One is the proposition that currency investors are fleeing a mark that is to be impaled on the rack of European monetary union in 1999. With fringe currencies likely to be founder members of EMU, investors are piling into the currency of that offshore

deregulated haven: the Uni-ted Kingdom. Some support for that view is found in the stronger gilt market - over the past month the yield on the long gilt bas fallen from 8 per cent

to 7.5 per cent. However, if investors genuinely took such long-term views of currencies, there would be little need for European monetary union.

The market is focused on the

A HAVEN FROM THE ECU?

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Inchcape

SIX MONTHS is a long time in the insurance market. In the spring, Bain Hogg was being valued at £250 million, but yesterday Aon took the broker off Inchcape's hands for £160 million. According to Incheape, this was in spite of approaches from several interested parties. Puzzled shareholders must be wondering which earthquake

swallowed £90 million. Part of the discrepancy etween the two valuations can be blamed on tough trading conditions. Insurance companies, particularly those weighted towards the retail market, have experienced pressure on their margins, and rates are not

Bain Hogg's recent per-formance has been poor, and its first-half profits slipped by £5 million, to £20 million. The City, which insurance companies, would not have given a Bain

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Inchcape reckons that its shareholders are more interested in distribution than insurance. Many of them would have sold out of Bain Hogg immediately, depressing the share price. In such circumstances, a trade sale is the best of a bad bargain.

JD Sports

PARENTS who resent paying fancy prices for their kids' trainers might consider a share in John David Sports. A decade ago, the craze for designer sportswear looked temporary, but brands such as Nike, Fila and Lacoste have prospered. Television advertising and sponsorship have imprinted the brands in the heads of the young and impressionable. Add in the growing popularity of spectator sports, and the designer sportswear industry has con-

According to Datamonitor, the sports clothing market has grown at a compound annual rate of 10.4 per cent in the period 199t-95 and at 18 per cent in 1995.

JD Sports, which joins the market on Monday with a placing of 30 per cent of its shares, has been riding on the back of this particular wave. The company abandoned sports equipment in the mid-eighties and now concentrates on pushing clothes and footwear through its 61 shops.

The 285p-a-share placing ice represents a multiple of 27.7 times historic earnings. Although still below the rating of JJB Sports, its nearest quoted rival, the confusingly named JD Sports has chosen an ambitious valuation. Private investors seeking to jump in after Monday's launch may like the clothes and the concept but should be aware that they will be a small voice in a restricted market. It would be unwise to bid much above the

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Vacant spot for Internet expert

AFTER his run-in with the Bank of England last week. Lord Mancroft probably knows mure than most about the problems of internet hanking. What a pity that he will not now he sharing this know-ledge with visiturs to the Offshure 2000 conference in London next month. Lord Mancroft - who, in spite uf a lack of banking experience, found hintself chairman of the European Union Bank -- was due to take part in a panel discus-sion of the impact of the Internet un offshore financial services. But even before the Bank of England started warning savers to treat EUB with extreme caution, it seems he had decided to pull out. The conference organiser, Philippe Gelin, has tried to get a more technically knowledgeable speaker from EUB - so far without success. "There's not much response from the bank in Antigua," he said. Now there's a surprise.

Last-minute deal

INCHCAPE took no chances with the disposal of Bain Hogg, its Insurance broking subsidiary. Having announced it was planning to demerge the insurance business, It started talks with Aon, the giant insurance broker. But at 4am yesterday as the deal was about to be signed. listing prospectuses for Incheape's 36,000 shareholders were rolling off the presses, just in case the sale iell through. "It was a last-minute deal, really grip-ping stuff," said Philip Cushing, Inchcape group chief executive.



"Perhaps it's time we had a price review"

FRANK FIELD, the MP who chairs the Social Security Select Committee. has penned How to pay for the future: Building a stakeholders welfare, on how in reform pensions and savings. But it seems he could do with n little funding help himself. "I've paid for the book to be published." he said at its launch in the Commons vesterday. "and I'd like sales to cover the cost."

New fax, old facts

THE British Airways Ger-man subsidiary had a bad day yesterday. First a business paper reported BA would halve its operations in the fatherland. Then an employce unwittingly made himself the ideal candidate for being re-structured and outsourced. The nameless man faxed out a year-old press release announcing that BA was inviting bids for 60 new

Sharp dressers

JOHN WARDLE and David Makin, respectively the founding chairman and chief executive of JD Sports, who will become multimillionaires on Monday when 30 per cent of the company is floated. whre sharp City suits yesterday in address investors and the press. In the company offices and shops, however, they wear the labels that have made them rich. Mr Makin. 32. favourites are whose Lacoste and Nike, said that he is not be found wearing that fetching Eighties item, the shell suit. However, he conceded: "I may wear one in the year 2000, when they come back into fashion."

Water, water everywhere but never a drop in price

The Ofwat review signals a demand

for the industry

to improve, says **Christine Buckley**

he fresh review of water prices will go a link way to stem the recriminations that have welled up around the indus-

try. But unity by a linle. Last summer's drought, after one of the wettest winters on record, brought restrictions and heaped public appro-bation on the water companies, including Yorkshire Water which put local hospitals on emergency alert for rota cuts while allowing 33 per cent of its

resources to leak away. Elsewhere hosepipes were declared a luxury while some customers were poisoned by their water company's nutpourings and incensed environmentalists complained of dirty beaches. To add insult to injury water bills have risen steeply on the back of a formula that is designed to foster investment. Meanwhile, the shares of water companies have raced ahead in the markets andshareholders have benefited from handsome dividend payouts,

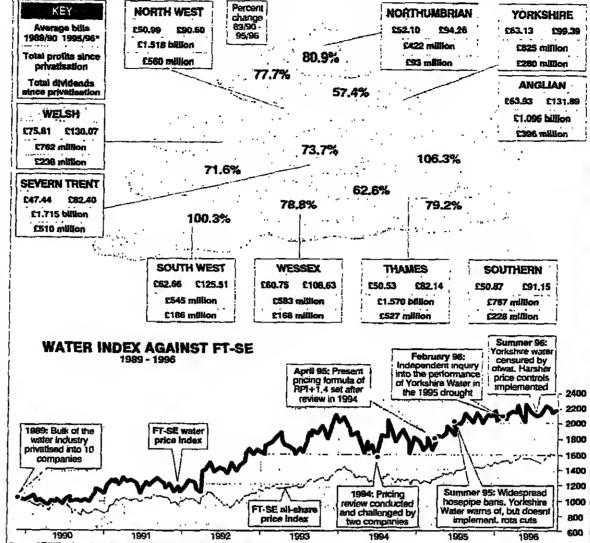
According to the Labour Party, and a host of consumer groups, the water industry has been descending into farce. For them water has been the worst offender in terms of customer service and cost among the privarised uolines, while the companies have amassed large sums of cash to reward investors or to buy other companies.

Small wonder that Labour has mounted a concerted attack on the water companies since last summer's drought. It has been at the heart of the party's criticism of the performance of the privatised unlittes and a primary justification for the windfall tax that Labour will impose on utilities if it forms the next government. According to Salomon Brothers, the brokers, the market is discounting a £5.4 billion tax for the water sector.

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, has fought a campaign against the framework under which the water industry was sold into the private sector and by which the City has made its investments, A recent report highlighted a write-off of debts of £5 billion for the ten large water companies when they were privatised, tax allowances on £7.7 billion in assets and the freedom from mainstream corporation tax on core businesses.

since the sale of the regional companies in England and Wales they have produced profits of £10 billion and have paid out dividends of £3 billion.

According to the Centre for Regulat-ed Industries, unmeasured water bills - the majority of bills covering those households not on meters - have risen more than 77 per cent across England and Wales since the ten largest companies were sold in 1989 and joined the 19 smaller private companies already in commercial hands. Within that band of price rises, some regions, including Anglian, South West, Folke-stone and North Surrey, have seen AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD BILLS, PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS Percent NORTH WEST NORTHUMBRIAN



their bills more than double, In a naturally monopolisoe industry price controls are all the more crucial to deliver the customer benefits that competition might be expected to produce.

Increasing prices in water have been excused by the regulatory guidelines and by the companies as a means to fund the large amounts of investment needed to maintain

the network, and to produce water at the higher standards now dictated by Europe. Criocs have argued, however, that investment generally is the domain of investors and that customers are being expenditure without the rewards they would expect if they

were investors. Along with pressure from Labour and consumer groups. who have pressed for tougher compensation penaloes for poor service, the water industry will face further scruony this year when the Commons Public Accounts Comminee reviews the performance of the regulators.

The all-party committee will quesnon all the utility regulators on the back of a critical report from the Nacional Audit Office, the public-sector watchdog. Poliocal scrutiny in this

overnment will precede a greater shake-up of the regulatory process if Labour wins the next election. Mr Byatt, whose review of the

pricing controls ahead of the scheduled date had been largely expected al-though its timing has been a surprise, is also seeking to exert tougher control over water supply, amid an increasing trend towards consolidation of water businesses and links

with other utilities. The merging of watpresent being proposed by Severn Trent and Wessex Water for South West Water: already achieved by the Ly-onnalse des Eaux umbrian Water comparators by which the

regulator can determine pricing frameworks. The merging of water com-panies with electricity businesses, which has now produced three mulo-utilities, further hampers the transparency of operacions.

Mr Byatt, who has condemended such amalgamations on many occa-sions unless they can deliver sufficient customer benefits, is keen to fire warning shots to the effect that if companies can produce cost efficiencies by mergers they can also serve up

customer benefits through constraint. The reference in the an nouncement of the new review that Mr Byatt will b looking closely at the ability of the companies to maintain supplies and control leakage is a clear signal to the companies that they have three years - the date of the new review - in which to improve their performance to the customers. It is also a recognition that the shortages in supply of last summer had got out of hand. He is stipulating that if savings are made in the companies then a

back into investment. Mr Byatt's demands on the privatised water industry characterise the dichotomy of commercial public services. They are driven by pressure from the City to produce short-term s in the lorm of profit increases, while the long-term needs of water provision demands consistent and plentiful investment Water, its crides would say, has proved notoriously short-term. The regulator needs to act to stop flagrant short-termism before the industry is further damaged in terms of its ability to do its

substantial amount must be plnughed

job and supply water.

After all, it is debatable whether hosepipes are indeed a household luxury. Without decisive action the laughable advice of Severn Trent to gardeners suffering from hosepipe bans to pave over their lawns may not seem quite so risible in future.

BUSINESS LETTERS

More British Gas tales of billing errors, delays and cut-off threats

From Mr R. A. Turner

Sir. My gas bill, although dated August 2, was actually delivered during the last week of August. Despite the meter having been read it was based on an excessive estimate. The red reminder arrived within a week, to be followed, on September 12, by a threatening lener, backdated to September 6, allegedly giving me seven days from that date to pay or be

I found to my surprise that the local Gas showroom had closed and my anemots to contact British Gas at every telephone number t could find (surprisingly proved unsuccessful,

On September 12 1 read my meier, recalculated the bill and sent it with details of and a letter of complaint. I am not too surprised that

no reply was forthcoming but thave received a new biff confirming my calculation.

However, it included a fur-ther 42 days standing charge (to September 13 instead of August 2, and curiously makes no mention of any payment being re-ceived. I will not pay the balance until I receive the next quarter's bill! Yours faithfully, R. A. TURNER. S Owen Gardens.

Truth or despair? From Mr Alan Robinson

Woodford Green, Essex.

Sir. In the light of the recent Brinsh Gas "new computerised" billing debacle how can Stuan Beadle |Business Leners, October 8] be sure his "new computerised comnumications system" is tell-ing him (and us) the truth? Yours faithfully ALAN ROBINSON.

Old Orchard, 25a Aylesbury Road. Wing Leighton Buzzard. Bedfordshire.

Don't hinder Britain's successful utilities Labour has recognised the

From Mr Tom Derry

Sir. It seems there needs to be a major readjustment in thinking on the privarised utilities - particularly concerning British Gas and British Telecom, which have become major international players and companies of which the Briosh can be proud in pulling profits suc-cessfully into this country. Regulation should only go so far in producing compension and not crush the viablity in the world arena and, indeed, in this country.

potential of BT and we should hope this partnership continues. BT. especially, provides a good service and has managed to produce some large profits, despite hefty regulation. We are not ashamed of other British companies whose accounts are firmly in the black. Let us not hinder success

stories 100 much. Yours faithfully. TOM DERRY. 2 Park Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive.

Leak from Lloyd's is welcome after traumas

From Mr Allan F. Hepburn

Sir, I really must take issue with Mr Robert Hiscox's letter (Business Letters, October 8), in which he implies that if the news about the bonus to be paid to the chairman of Lloyd's had not been leaked by a member of Council we would be totally unaware of the fact until such time as Lloyd's chooses to announce it publicly, for radification at example. Why the need for secrecy in the interim? Surely after the horrendous traumas at

next year's Lloyd's AGM, for

Lloyd's over the last ten years, there is a need for total transparency in these maners? Frankly, I am very glad that there is a "mole" on the Council of Lloyd's!

Yours faithfully, ALLAN F. HEPBURN, 57 Pier House, 31 Cheyne Walk, SW3.

Extension of Docklands Light Railway

From Mr Neil Sprinks

Sir, I welcome unreservedly the Docklands Light Railway extension to Lewisham, announced in your business section ("DLR link goes ahead", September 28).

However, I thought in strange that, in addition to mentioning journey times from Lewisham to Canary Wharf (a great improvement

mention a journey time fram Lewisham to the City of 30 minutes: South Eastern Trains, ex-BR, already get you from Lewisham to Can-non Street in as little as 12 minutes! Yours faithfully,

NEIL SPRINKS, Vale of Glamorgan.

Alternative urban sources are saving money, Susan Pape finds

The decision is a

recognition that

last summer's

shortages in

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Firms tap into underground supply

Tater source trials are being conducted by Coca-Cola & Cadbury Schweppes Beverages through a well recently sunk at its factory site in Wakefield, west Yorkshire. If the trials are successful, the drinks group will consider the operational and commercial benefit of abstracting underground water for some of its production.

After two long, hot summers and an exceptionally dry winter, drought is an ever-present threat. Even as winter approaches, rainfall levels are reported to be the second-lowest in 200 years, reservoirs are not as full as they should be and hosepipe bans still affect some areas, increasing numbers of businesses are looking at alternative means of water suuply and for many of them -like Coca-Cola & Schweppes - the answer could lie beneath their feet.

According to David Lerner, of the department of civil and environmental engineering, at the University of Bradford, millions of gallons of untapped water are trapped under the streets of Britain's towns and cines in aquifers. Tapping into such a supply would not only cost companies a fraction of what they pay for mains water, but would mean never ltaving to suffer drought restrictions. "Groundwater under cives is a valuable resource that is not being fully unlised." Professor Lerner said.

It was a different matter at the turn of the century when the local industry in cities like Bradford took its private water supply from boreholes. "But the practice went out of fashion as factories closed, and the privatised water companies came into being. Boreholes were simply covered up, lost or inrgotten," he said. Now Professor Lerner believes that companies facing further drought restrictions are looking once more for possible supplies underground.

Allied Colloids, the chemical manufacturer, found it was sining on un-tapped reserves and sunk its first borehole in 1967. It now has three in use on the 50-acre site in Yorkshire, supplying 277,000 cubic metres of borehole water a year - ahout 30 per cent of its total



needs. Although there is a treatment, handling and management cost, the company reckons to save an average of £150,000 a year. Mike Beecher, environmental services manager, said the water contained more dissolved salts than the public supply, but was suitable for use

cooling and cleaning processes. You have visions of a nice little well with a drawstring and bucket - hut it's not like that at all. In fact, you wouldn't notice the boreholes if you didn't know where 10 look," he said. The water is pumped up via a discrete 12in hole and fed along enclosed pipework to our treatment plant."

At Abbey National's head office in Baker Street, London, an underground spring discovered 50 years ago supplies all the building's water needs. Just over five million gallons a year are pumped to the surface and put to a variety of uses that include drinking and catering. Abbey National reckons to save about £15,000 a year by using its own supply at Baker Street. Steve Smith, building facilities controller, said spring water tasted better than mains. "And we don't

Organisations wishing to drill for water must apply to the Environment Agency for a ticence. Getting one is not a foregone conclusion. Much depends on the local geology and whether water is available — and in what quantity. John Aldrick, a groundwater protection prin-cipal at the EA, said the difficulty was knowing how much water was avail-able. "We know there's a lot but its almost impossible to put a figure on it and we are concerned about having large numbers of big users taking water from a small area. It would be like everyone draining the same bucket," he said. However, Michael Price, a hydrogeologist at the University of Reading, be-

lieves there is a plennful supply. There is far more in the ground than there is in all the lakes and reservoirs put together, "he said. "I'd like to see more efficient use made of it in conjunction with other water sources, but engineers like reservoirs - although they are expensive to build they are easy to understand. An aquifer doesn't cost you anything, but it is a more difficult concept.

"However if climate changes are

going to bring wetter winters, and drier summers are predicted, water storage becomes very important. I would say that aquilers are the perfect storage places - and they are generally underneath towns and cities.

Professor Lerner's studies have taken him to Nottingham where unused groundwater levels are so high that flooding is a risk, a problem that also threatens some London basements, and 10 Merseyside, where underground water levels, kept down in the past by extensive use, are now rising.

"As we become more aware of pollution risks from sewage and industry, there is a tendency to abandon use this resource. But this leads to roundwater levels rising and causing geotechnical problems," he said. The hazards could be reduced by using the water for industrial purposes. Making full use of urban groundwater is surely a sound part in the development of the

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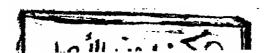
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Attractive pay packages and the rofessional image are luring secetaries from outside the legal vorld. Traditionally, any crossover ias been difficult but with demand outstripping supply, legal firms have been forced to consider hiring upport staff with non-legal rackgrounds.

Accountancy, merchant banking ind surveying are the main areas n which secretaries do similar vork and from where legal firms are trying to recruit. According to Tark Recruitment, three years ago his was unheard of.

The legal profession is experi-ncing quite a boom and the great najority of firms are expanding," ie says. One firm which advertised wo vacancies in January is now idvertising 24. "It is growing very

non to recruit quality people with only a small number coming onto the market each week

The legal world is still secretarial-intensive and "legal secretaries are considered the elile," Mr Ma-Television

grammes such as LA Law have given the legal world a sexier image. Niki Brooks, personnel manager at Linklaters & Paines, says that as the idea of legal secrelaries as keyboard-pushers fades, it is becoming something of a vogue career. "The work is more interesting. There are lots of non-legal secretaries

looking to get into it and

market," she says. After working in the media, the actuarial field and the Civil Service. Martha Kyriakides, 26, decided to change to law. She completed a sixweek course and within a few months was offered her first job with a small firm. "Having the course on my CV definitely helped," she says. "It took me a while to get

we are trying to tap into that

firm. I was inundated with offers." Ms Kyriakides now works for Pinsent Curtis in London and regrets that she did not consider working in law earlier. Isadora Ferrao, 23, agrees. She

was persuaded to try after listening to friends talk about how much they loved 'Work is their jobs. Now with Clifford Chance in the City, she understands very busy. why. "The work is very

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> high and can be boosted with profit-related pay. A survey by the Institute of Legal Secretaries will show salaries rising steadily since August last year, with London-based firms offering up to £30,000.

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Rapid technological advances are influencing the way legal firms conduct their business. Many feeearners now have computers on their desks and the younger generarion are comfortable drafting docNick Speed, a partner at Warner Cranston, all lawyers there have had their own computers for the last five years. "The level of competence varies," he says. "But most use them on a regular basis."

Because of its cost-effectiveness the typing done by secretaries will in future be reduced by half, says Christian Ankjaer, head of the legal division of Angela Mortimer, recruitment consultants. The quantity of paper generated by law firms means that progress will affect them more than other businesses, but this could work to a secretary's advantage: "Being a legal secretary is a good career because it means working at the forefront of technology in a very challenging and demanding field," he says.

Dan Bindman, Infotech Correspondent on The Law Society Gazette. concurs. "I suspect there will still be plenty of work for legal secretaries. They are often the only ones making full use the computers," he says.

Computer-literate lawyers have to have proactive secretaries, says Gill Moosby, personnel manager at Freshfields. "It comes down to better interpersonal skills and being aware of how the dimensions of the office are changing."



Martha Kyriakides: inundated with offers after changing to law

Hunt is on for the pride of London

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start having an impact too. The competition was set up in 1994 with the intention of finding the top legal secretary in the capital. Applications for next year's winner will be accepted until the end of the year by London Law (0171 600 5600) and the judging will be in February, when seven finalists will have to deliver a speech on a law-related

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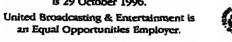
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■ MUSIC I

A string quartet setting of Allen Ginsberg's Howl receives its British premiere next month ...



MUSIC 2

... and in the same festival of American music, unknown works by Frank Zappa are also aired

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■ MUSIC 3

Richard Hickox presides over a forward-looking 25th anniversary party for the orchestra he began



FAST RISING

Straight out of school. straight into the West End: two teenagers on the thespian road

A Howl for all seasons

Allen Ginsberg's poetry interpreted by a string quartet? Nigel Williamson reports

hen the Kronos Quartet made its debut at New York's Carnegie Hall with Allen Ginsberg in 1994, the poet got very excited at the prospect of unering four-lener words in that revered house of culture, "He was right. That's what it's all about," says David Harrington, the leader of the quartet, which for 23 years has been at the forefront of contemporary music commissioning and performing some of the most

challenging music of our time. Harrington did not mean that either Ginsberg or the Kronos Quartet seeks to shock out of a mindless desire to outrage. He is far too purposeful for that. Shock, he believes, is a vital weapon in art, a device to break down barriers and destroy stultifying con-vention. "I don't subscribe to the idea that quartets consist of two violins, a viola and a cello playing in some cloister on a Sunday afternoon," he says. "That's not the music I know, whether it's Beethoven, Haydn or anything else. I have spent my career trying to bring the world we know into this medium called music."

One noted American critic has still never forgiven the quartet for following a perfor-mance of Berg's Lyric Suite with a medley of television theme tunes. "He cannot listen to anything we do since that and it was 15 years ago. We did it to make the event memorable, so I suppose we succeeded

Ginsberg has always had a similarly iconoclastic attitude. The American poet unce said of his best-known work, Howl. that he had set out to write a poem "so strong that a clean Saxon four-letter word might enter high-school anthologies permanently and deflate tendencies to authoritarian

strong-arming". He succeeded, and next month an extraordinary collaboration of the iconoclasts, in which the Kronos Ovartet commissioned the composer Lee Hyla to set Howl to music,

FESTIVAL DETAILS

American Independents. "a celebration of the maverick voices of American music, dance, literature and visual art", runs at the South Bank Centre in London until November 19. Highlights include a London Sinfonietta series with John Adams conducting the premiere of his new Gnarly Buttons, and the UK premieres of two works by the late Frank Zappa. Other music ranges from John Cage and Charles Ives to Burt Bacharach, rock and modern jazz. Bookings and information: 0171-960 4242

the Festival Hall, It will be the climax of a month-long festival called American Independents that began on the South Bank this week (see box).

So why is a musical setting of a poem published 40 years ago the highlight of a programme showcasing contemporary America? Harrington has no doubt. "As time goes on. Howl gets larger in its scope. Ginsberg described the poem as an emotional time bomb, and it is still going off continually. There are so many images that have bene unceu biy prun American psyche that it is part of the American experience. And it is still relevant."

Ginsberg's nightmare vi-

sion of American society, which encapsulated the Beat philosophy, has continued to strike a chord with every new rebellious generation. Hyla, who set it to music, was one vear old when Ginsberg wrote the 25-minute-long poem. Members of the Kronos Quartet were not much older. Yet the result of their collaboration is stunning, disturbing and beautiful at the same time. "I wanted music that chal-

lenged the words, that didn't necessarily pat the poem on the back, but was arguing

instrument."

The Kronos Quartet has just released the studio recording of Howl on an album of highly political material, right down to the tattered and torn American flag by Robert Mapple-thorpe on the cover. Uniquely for the quartet, throughout the album the words enjoy equal status with the music. Also included are the chilling voice of former FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, with music by Michael Daugherty, some found

unexplored. The composers currently writing for Kronos come from every part of the world. Even as The Times Stone, the great liberal cominterviewed him over breakfast, Harrington was enthusing about contacting a new

"It never started out as an album," Harrington says. "We I. F. Stone."

Quartet are relentless promoters, patrons and performers of contemporary music, sound junkies forever seeking new composers. There are currently 45 new works under commission and one sometimes wonders whether serious modern composition could

Driving Harrington is his perfectionism. A quest for "the musical equivalent of Einstein looking for the theory that said everything. I would like to find an album that in this confined amount of time explains it all. To me, that is the challenge."

has left few musical avenues

Rising stars in the arts firmament

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

ADAM CHALK, DANIEL PIRRIE

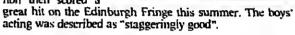
Age: Chalk (left) is 18. Pirrie is 19.

Profession: Actors.

Appearing in: Never The Sinner at the Aris Theatre in Covent Garden

from tomorrow.

Aren't they a bit young for the West End? Indeed, but they are sickeningly mature and well adjusted. They have both just tell school. as has the productiun. John Logan's 1985 courtroom drama Never the Sinner was staged by King's College School, Wimbledon, to celebrate its centenary. The produc-tion then scored a



They must be jolly nervous: "I'm nor too nervous," says Pirrie. Edinburgh was a great preparation. I had never done any lead acting before and I remember at the dress rehearsal I was hopeless, but it eventually went well." "I go very quiet and feel ill," says Chalk, "And my nerves go sky-high." So are they bonsai lovvies? Far from it - they even wear

jackets and ties for interviews. Being sensible lads they are going to get degrees first. Pirrie is to read English at Cambridge, and Chalk is going to Newcastle to read politics and East Asian studies. "A degree would be a good insurance policy," says Chalk. "I want three years of living the student life," says Pirrie, "After that it will be full steam ahead."" I'm a bit more cautious than you, Daniel," says Chalk.

They sound like a dooble act: To an extent, "We've been friends for eight years, and we're going travelling to the Far East and Australia during our year off."

Their schoolfrieods must be seething with jealousy "Everyone's been really happy for us and they are sharing in our success - they're coming from as far away as Newcastle to watch us. But nothing changes — we still go out to pubs in Wimbledon. It's not as if we're huge stars." Yet.

Are they similar to the characters they play? Adam: "I'm a bit more happy-go-lucky than mine - he's obsessive and has no time for those he considers his inferiors. I'm pretty different." Daniel: "My character is a charmer and a womaniser. I wouldn't say that I was too far from that."

GUY WALTERS



Iconoclasts united: the Kronos Quartet and (front) Allen Ginsberg have collaborated on a musical setting of Howl

composer in Russia whom he

had been told about after the

previous night's concert.

with it," says Harrington. Ginsberg was coaxed into reading his greatest poem in a

studio for the first time. Hyla's complicated score, with its elaborate timings which have the quartet cuing off rhythms and speech in the text, had to be adapted during the recording as Ginsberg contributed to the process. "As a poet, he is like a performing musician." says Harrington. "You can feel his centre of energy. It was like ter saxophone player, except that Allen's voice was the fifth

poetry in the inscriptions by

hobos on a fence-post 50 years ago in a composition by Harry Partch, and Scott Johnson's setting of the voice of L.F. mentator.

commissioned the works over five years and it only became clear much later that there was a larger sense of geometry to those pieces. Hoover had secret files on Ginsberg and Harrington and the Kronos

even survive without Kronos.

In his search, Harrington

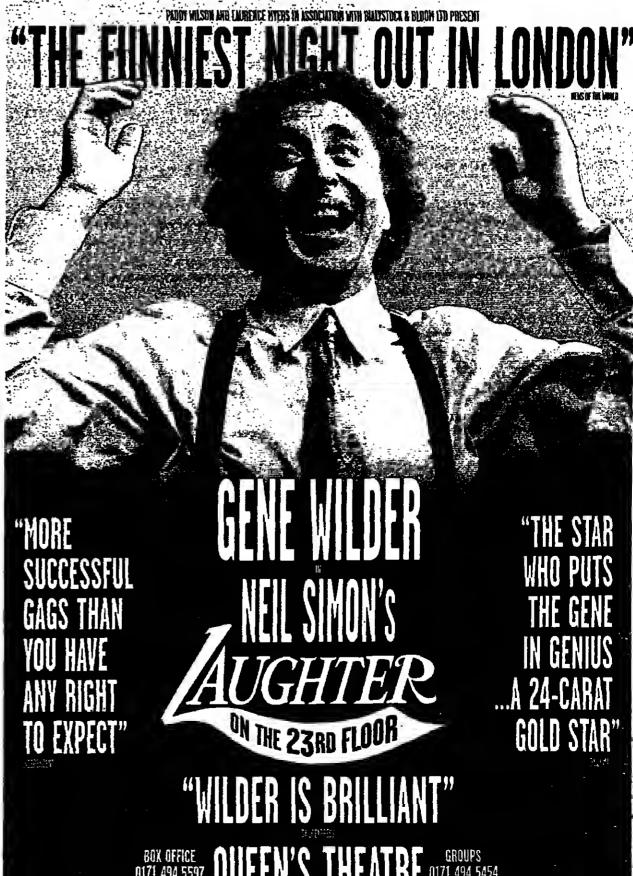
One of the quartet's most successful albums was Pieces how different musical culture might have been?" of Africa, featuring composi-The Kronos Quartet are at the tions from Morocco, Uganda, Festival Hall on Nov 19, How South Africa, The Gambia USA is available on Nonesus

and Sudan. While painters

such as Modigliani and Picas-so absorbed African influ-ences, Harrington says it is "shameful" that Western mu-sicians for so long ignored the continent's music. "Can you imagine what it would have

been like if Beethoven had

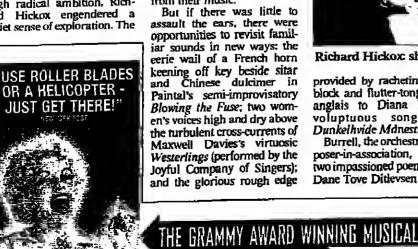
heard music from Zimbabwe,



CONCERTS: Richard Hickox conducts an eclectic weekend of new works

Here is the new from London

the City of London Sinfonia feature Beethoven, Schu-mann, Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach and Handel. Its members could be forgiven, then, for looking less than relaxed with free improvisation during their twenty-fifth anniversary weekend at the Barbican. Playing in the New. But it is an open-minded, flexible team, and if the programme lacked high radical ambition, Richard Hickox engendered a quiet sense of exploration. The



composers — Diana Burrell, Priti Paintal, Minna Keal, Judith Weir, John Tavener, Barry Guy and Peter Maxwell Davies - form an eclectic lineup, sharing only an amiable approach to performers.

One disappointment was Judith Weir's Two Human Hymns: the crafty metaphysical conceits of George Herbert and Henry King surely de-mand more than loveliness from their music. But if there was little to

assault the ears, there were opportunities to revisit familiar sounds in new ways: the eerie wail of a French horn keening off key beside sitar and Chinese dulcimer in Paintal's semi-improvisatory Blowing the Fuse; two women's voices high and dry above the turbulent cross-currents of Maxwell Davies's virtuosic Westerlings (performed by the Joyful Company of Singers); and the glorious rough edge

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Richard Hickox showing "a quiet sense of exploration"

provided by racheting woodblock and flutter-tongued cor anglais to Diana Burrell's voluptuous song cycle Dunkelhvide Mdnestrdler.

Burrell, the orchestra's composer-in-association, has set two impassioned poems by the Dane Tove Ditlevsen for con-

tralto, using the cor anglais to reveal the violence behind the poet's death wish, wrapped up as it is in seductive imagery. Simon Spear's New Rib-

bons, selected from the CLS/Society for the Promotion of New Music's workshop. provided a festive concert overture with real rhythmic vitality. Bassist and composer Barry

Guy is a force of nature. Always on the edge of anarchy, at his best he can pack chaos into concrete structures to make exquisite music. His hugely demanding Concerto for Orchestra, Follingwater. reveals both his wildness and his ability to master it, but the CLS has not yet found a balance between the two.

Still, this was a weekend for 'playing in" the new in all senses. Some of these premieres deserve further warm-

HELEN WALLACE



■ CHOICE 1

Jez Butterworth's thrilling play Mojo comes to the West End VENUE: Opens tonight at

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts led by Marit Hargie

reaching the West End. (See Greet British Hopes, page 39.1 Arts, Gissal Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 2132) Previews toxight, Bpm Opens Iomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm: Fin and Sat, 7pm and 9pm

burning HAM. Sir Cliff Richard follows in the lootsteps of Olivici, laking the tille role in Heathcliff, with Helen Hobson as Cathy A musical version: lyrics by Tim Rice, music by John Farrar, directed by Frank Dunlop Bimmingham Indoor Arene, King Edward Roed (0121-780 4133) Openstoraght, 7 30pm Mon-Set, 7 30pm

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FLOOR: Neil Simon's funny account of

records read serving a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid Queen's, Shattesbury Avenue, Wi (0171-494 5040) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wad, 2,30pm, Sat 4pm

THE CEDIVES PLAYS: Alan Howard in the title role of Oedigus the King and Oedigus at Colonus Peter Hell directs a translation by Rante Bolt, National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252), Today, 1 30pm, 7pm

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■ CHOICE 2

... while Edward Bond directs his new play, In the Company of Men VENUE: Now in preview at the Barbican Pit

new production of Puccini's tearjerker. Macksma Butterfly. The Chanese seprano Chen Sue sings the role of the tregic geisha, with the American fenor Mark Necessori as the latititiess Pinkerton. Pelace Theatine, Ordor Street, (0161-242 25031, Tonight and Sal, 7.15pm.

242 25031, Tonight and Sal. 7 15pm. (2) SHEFFIELD: After touring successfully in Canada and America last morth the Rambert Dance Company arrives here with two existing programmes. The Rad Programme tonight includes ham Brandstrup's Edoton, Christopher Bruce's Quecksitver and Anthony Tudor's Dark Elegies. The Blue Programme on Friday features Bruce's Moonshine, Robert Cohan's Stabert Matter and Dicky Volcimen's Kot Samda. Lycetum Theetire. Norlos Street (0114 2769922). Tompit and Fin. 7 45pm. (2) 1 ONDON GALLERIES.

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IN THE COMPANY OF MEN. Edward Bond directs his own new play, with Karl Johnson and John Light playing a Saher and son pair of corporate raiders in the City jungle. Pit, Barbican Centile, 602: (0171-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7pm. Opens Oct 22, 7pm. Then in repertation

MOJO: Second chance to see the multi-award-winning Jez Butterworth's hair-raising play, set in Sono gengland, lan Rickson directs a new cast Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lanc. W.C2 (0171-565 5000). Opens lonight. 7pm, Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm Until November 9

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Last bill and testament

The Winans are taking their rousing contemporary gospel on a

farewell tour, Clive Davis reports

t seems only logical that the four brothers who make up the Winans, the most influential gospel performers of the age, should have learnt their craft in Detroil. Just as the city's most famous impresario, Berry Gordy, fused rhythm and blues and gospel in the forma-tive years of Motown, so the Winans - Marvin, Ronald, Michael and Carvin - have brought R&B sophistication to the sanctified music of the Pentecostal Church.

In the process, the group, who perform in Birmingham and London this week on their farewell world tour, have achieved the same degree of influence in gospel as Michael Jackson and his clan have exerted over pop.

But the acclaim and the Grammy Awards showered on the brothers have rekindled the old controversy over God and Mammon. Decades after Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin outraged their peers by abandoning the Church in pursuit of the mass market, the thought of mixing sacred and profane still arouses unease among the faithful.

The Winans have raised the debate to a new intensity. Are the brothers truly evangelising on behalf of what they call the

"unchurched" raised on music videos, drum machines and rap? Or are they selling their heritage short for the sake of the almighty dollar and a place in the charts?

Their sumptuously melodic albums have little in common with the raucous tradition of quartet singing established by such pioneers as the Dixie Hummingbirds. Even when performing explicitly religious lyrics, the Winans seem to have more in common with the stars of MTV than an oldtime preacher such as the late Rev James Cleveland.

The music historian Tony Heilbut has gone so far as to dismiss the contemporary school as "a combination of the temporary and the con". But he is also the first to admit that the new sound reflects, for better or worse, the changing tastes of the youth audience. As Marvin Winans, the

eldest of the brothers, recalls, the seeds of the new style were sown in 1969 with the international success of Oh Happy Day, by the Edwin Hawkins Singers. The youngsters had never been allowed to hear anything but traditional church music. Hawkins's million-seller hinted at an alternative path.
The Winans made their



Brotherly love: the Winans bring their devout message to the "unchurched" young artists, however, the record-

ings tell only part of the story. In the studio the brothers'

music is often reduced to

bland, formulaic fare. The real

business of testifying is left for

the stage. But with so many

early records under the tutelage of another contemporary gospel pioneer, the singer and producer Andrae Crouch. Before long they had graduated to Quincy Jones's Qwest label and were working with artists as varied as Stevie Wonder and Michael McDonald. As with so many church

individual projects to consider Marvin Winans, for example, is pastor of his own

ministry - the brothers have announced that they are to cease touring. A disringuished chapter in the gospel story ends this week.

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THE 65-year-old Texas-born tenor-sax player Dewey Redman is taciturn almost to a fault, and so self-effacing that in his one announcement of the evening he introduced himself rather poignantly as "Joshua Redman's

Producing a saxophone-playing son now probably more famous than himself is oddly typical of Dewey Redman. Although he is justly celebrated by aficionados of modern jazz for his work with fellow-Texan Ornette Coleman, and for the many fine recordings he has made, both with pianist Keith Jarrett and bassist Charlie Haden's Liberarion Music Orchestra, his own personality is often hard to

discern. The music produced by Redman's current quartet, which fea-tures planist Rita Marcotulli, bassist Cameron Brown and drummer Matt Wilson, is similarly understated.

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Redman, however, is a player whose strength lies in nuance rather than overt emotionalism: his apparent lethargy conceals considerable subtlety, and what he lacks in power and volume he more than makes up for

tunes' changes rather than indulging herself with dazzling runs. Brown and Wilson are whip-smart in support. suitably restrained, their power appropriately kept in check even when

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Jamiroquai The Point, Dublin

WHAT Oasis are to Britpop Jamiroquai are to Britfunk, and their seemingly inexorable rise to the top can be explained along similar lines. Take a tried and tested musical genre, pay due homage to its first principles and founding fathers, and crucially update it with a recognisable stamp al your own. ft is this balancing of overtly populist instincts with the desire to shape, rather than follow, the form

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will tell you that they just came to The Point to move on up and get on down. Taking that as a yardstick, one could not fault Jamiroquai's acid jazz-tinged groove machine. This was automatic A multitude of musicians filled the

spacious stage, including a three-piece brass section and didgeridoo player (the tireless Wallis Buchanan). A good deal of the new album, Travelling Without Moving, which still nestles comfortably in the bosom of the Top Ten, was given an airing, and although it was always going to be impossible to capture the slick, smooth production values which characterise Jamiroquai on record, nevertheless songs like Alright, High Times, and older favourites such as When You Gonna Learn? and Hollywood Swinging were performed with admirable gusto by the tight-knit band.

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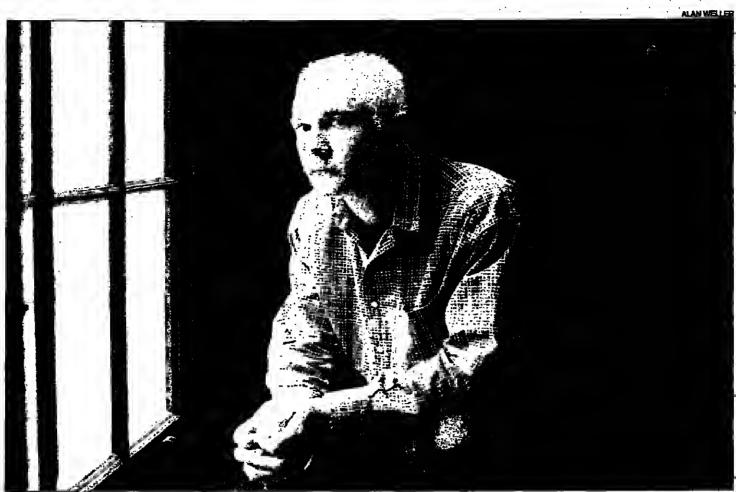
to Carol Allen

Tor an actor in a country where comparatively few films are made, lan Hart seems to be in a remarkable number of them. Last year we saw him as the young schoolteacher in Clockwork Mice; as a shell-shocked First World War survivor in The Englishman who went up a hill but came down a mountain; and playing the hero of Ken Loach's Spanish Civil War drama, Land and Free-dom. A few weeks ago he was seen in The Hollow Reed; this week he opens in Thaddeus O'Sullivan's Northern Ireland drama Nothing Personal: and next month he pops up in another Irish subject, Neil Jordan's Michael Collins, in which Hart plays Collins's loyal aide Joe O'Reilly. Since work on the latter ended, the actor has completed roles in five other films and starts work on another later this month.

Not all those roles, though, Hart is quick to point out, are leads. His normally brown hair, currently closely cropped and dyed blond, is the result of a three-day stint he has just done in Cumbria on Michael Radford's film B Monkey. "I've only got two scenes, playing a villain who gets shot in the leg and then in the head," Hart explains. "But there's something different about him, so it's enjoyable to do."

Nathing Personal finished filming early last year. Later, at the Venice Film Festival, Hart was named Best Supporting Actor for his role as the psychopathic Ginger, one of a gang of three loyalist thugs whose murderous fortunes are followed through a Belfast day and a night in 1975. The film was shot in Dublin, but Hart and the other actors researched their roles in the pubs and clubs of Belfast. What particularly struck Hart was the sheer ordinariness of the real-life counterparts to his character.

"You see these people dotted around the pub, looking no different



No rest for the wicked: lan Hart has dyed his hair blond to play another villain in Michael Radford's B Monkey — "it's enjoyable to do"

from anybody else and they're fourtime murderers who've just done 15 years. People like Ginger don't live in derelict houses wearing ski masks all day long. They go to the pub. they have families, they go home to tea with the wife and kids. I based him

on the bullies I knew at school." Hart was born 32 years ago in Liverpool and brought up on "a very early council estate in the middle of nowhere. My Dad worked in Ford's car factory in Halewood, and my mum worked in the kitchens at a school run by the nuns. Everything was run by nuns where we lived.

"I was a super Catholic in those days. I was an altar boy, I went to Rome, to Lourdes twice, was always in the Legion of Mary, but by the time I got to about 12 I was beginning to rebel, because you couldn't debate something with a nun or a priest. I couldn't wait to get out of it, it was very repressive."

Hart discovered his liking for

theatre through a youth drama group at the age of 15. That led to a part in a television series and eventually, after much banging on the door, work at the Liverpool Playhouse. Although he still retains hls Liverpool accent, he now lives in Crouch End in north London with his girlfriend, and although he is currently much in demand, like most aclors he remembers the two and a half years he spent "resting", which is maybe why he is willing to accept cameo roles as well as leads. Hart was a small boy in Liverpool

in the 1960s, when the Beatles were in their heyday, and although he bears little resemblance to John Lennon, he has played him twice on film: in Chris Munch's The Haurs and the Times, which dealt with the relationship between Lennon and Brian Epstein, and in Backbeat, which was the film that got Hart noticed. But it was no big deal to play the Liverpool hero.

"When I was a teenager, DJs were still going on about how they and John once did so and so together, and I was thinking, 'When I was eight years old, you were saying

that. I'm IS now, and you're still saying it. Will you stop it, please. Like all young people, we wanted to find something that was ours."

Hart is now about to start work in

London on Majo, the film of Jez Butterworth's funny and brash tale of rival gangs in 1950s Soho. It is based on Butterworth's hit play, which is being revived this week at the Duke of York's Theatre, the Royal Court's new West End base.

"Jez has written the screenplay and is directing it. I play Mickey. I wanted to do something substantial and this was the best thing I'd read for ages."

Nothing Personal opens in Britain on.

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MUSICAL: A Fifties frolic revived

Safe sex for the Nineties

BACK IN 1959, when the Macmillan Government still had several years to go before it was engulfed in sexual scandals, a version of this play-with-music delighted the town for months. Perhaps it was a lustier version, because the Henry Fielding play on which Bernard Miles based his text is titled Rape Upon Rape and the hero, a rake named Ramble, is said to have bedded 17 women in six days. I suspect some PC editing has trimmed his cockiness to fit contemporary taste.

The result is that a collection of overlapping affairs now looks too mild to be provoking, yet not witty enough to survive on its other merits. Chief of these should have been the wicked behaviour of Mr. Justice Squeezum, who bribes juries to find innocent persons guilty if they have refused to bribe him to secure their release. The role requires exaggerated seedy villainy but George Cole plays it. almost straight, not exactly like an honest man, but sinned

against rather than sinning.
The show would be nothing without the lyrics Lionel Bart. provided for Laurie Johnson's pleasantly melodic music. They are Fifties lyrics, of the same school as The Boy

Lock Up Your Daughters Chichester

Friend, Salad Days, his own Fings Ain't Wot They Used TBe and Oliver!, delighting in adroit rhymes, rapid phrasing and opportunities for musical pastiche. Stephen Rayne's production could have allowed for repeats of almost every one of them, particularly There's A Plot Afoot, where the entire cast mills around and between one another, wielding fans and masks on sticks, finally separating into two tight groups, the rakes on one side. the daughters (some now ad-

vanced in years) on the other. Everything Sheila Han-cock's Mrs Squeezum sings is certainly worth an encore, whether asking for the ravishing to begin, instructing us in seduction or balefully inumphing over her fallen spouse. With her breath expiring on sexually crucial words. and her limbs doing the same. at sexually crucial suggestions, her comedy lifts a show that seldom provides much of a thrill in her absence.

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Stormy thicket

WHEN applied to a playwright's work, the innocent adjective "early" is often code for not nearly as good as the famous stuff. Written in 1977, The Woods is relatively "early" David Mamet. For the first 20 minutes of Robert Shaw's production, the play's first British outing, you would be hard pressed to imagine anything earlier.

The action takes place on the wooden patio of a cabin in North American woodland, and in the first section it consists mostly of Nick caressing the legs of Ruth, the young woman he has invited to stay. You might be familiar with the Mamet of Glengarry Glen Ross or House of Cards. those sharp studies of urban America. But where in this more basic environment is the sardonic scribe who revels in the brutalities of everyday

The middle section begins with Nick walking on to the pario saying "I washed up". At least that's what it sounded

The Woods Finborough Arms, SW10

like, and here was a startling new figure — Early-Mamet New Man. But the line is in fact "my watch stopped", and it cues a night-time scene which darkens nicely. The characters expand their family histories: a storm breaks, and in a sudden burst of frustration Nick nearly rapes Ruth. The final section, set the following day, plays out a more bitter array of accusa-

tions and denials. Emma Bird and Peter Polycarpou, as the sparring lovers, come into their own as the evening unfolds, being variously sentimental, aggressive, caring and vulnerable. And if The Woods seems rather thicket-like, it is not the fault of Shaw's solid production.

ANDY LAVENDER

Spa-ing partners

has what Iceland got centuries ago, a saga of its own. That is the pleasantly sedate town Stephen Bill apparently had in mind when he launched into a play that brings 18 performers on 10 the tiny Orange Tree stage and spans the years from 1982 to 1993. For those of us who had suspected that nothing much happened to anybody in Learnington during that rime, this is an impressive achievement.

It is also a modestly enjoyable onc. Bill himself claims that the play is "about a group of people who would love to move on but don't know where to go". Certainly several characters end up in less good nick than at the start. The friendliest of them turns to drink after his marriage breaks up. Another's business seems near collapse. Principles are abandoned, ideals get compro-mised, and the dreamt-of arts centre looks likely to become. at best, a funhouse for tourists. At first the themes are change, decay, disillusion and the hypocrisies of the liberal

well-to-do. But the second act

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brings a new emphasis. Julie Peasgood's housewifely Anne rebels against the many who have taken her good nature for granted, starting with her smug solicitor husband, Paul Shelley's Peter. She decides to uproot and move to France, an idea Leamington Spa mistrusts. Sadly, Learnington is

Perhaps because Bill tries to deal with a good few lives, the play has an unfocused feel and the characterisation has no great depth. Yet with Carol Nimmons. Stuart Fox and others giving strong, clear performances, Sam Walters's production moves briskly along and always held my attention - something I never expected Learnington to do.

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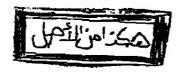


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When experience triumphs over pessimism

Speed may be cable's saviour

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went to a wedding on Saturday at which the clergyman went to great lengths to remind the radiant couple that marriage

is the triumph of hope over experience.

He ought to be invited to preach to the congregation of 6,000-plus now thronging the European Cable Convention at London's Olympia. A hall full of hope: investors. operators and programmers, wandering through a shimmering maze of high-tech goodies, exuding confidence that cable's hour has come round at last. As has been expected confidently since 1981.

A couple of months ago I wrote off cable television as a phenomenon whose heyday had passed without ever having arrived. My blithe dismissal of the vast investment - much of it North American - made in cabling Britain, was based on certain

That cable is making more money from selling telephone services than from television.

• That rich and powerful BT can easily undercut the telephone rates of new competitors.

That cable's television competitor, BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The

Times), has cornered the multichannel market. That the great majority of those who want extra television channels already own or rent satellite dishes and are therefore unlikely

to switch to cable. • That BT itself is gearing to sell television. particularly movies, down the telephone line. So where does that leave cable's Unique

Cable's true believers have persuaded me to think again because of three words: "the return path". The cable that brings TV into the home works in two directions — the reason why it even now provides a telephone service. This link can be used for shopping and banking from home and all those other digital delights we read about.

Pure speed may prove to be cable's unmatchable attraction. In my pessimism, I had forgonen (so easy to do, isn't it?) the Internet. Most of us now use, in our tentative, clumsy and largely unsu ressful attempts to dip into the Net, an ordinary telephone line connected to a modern. You wait and wait for the damned thing to deliver to the screen the information you seek.

BT, for a price, offers a much faster connection (called ISDN) to digital services than the standard telephone line. But cable's digital home line - also for an extra fee and the installation of the appropriate modem can do the same in a flash.

To retrieve (I can't bring myself to say

Internet over a standard telephone line, I'm told, takes 18.5 minutes. An ISDN line takes 4.8 minutes, cable just four seconds. What this lightning delivery will mean for delivering films on demand, let alone data in large quantities, is obvious.

But will a fast track onto the internet draw cable subscribers in the still-elusive multimillions? It seems more likely that for years to come the business user will remain the

main customer for cable's interactive wares. Cable as a form of television does have unique features of its own: cable-only channels unobtainable with a satellite dish in my Videotron area, the 72 available channels include such cable-exclusive options as the Parliamentary Channel, Rai Uno, the Mirror Group's Live TV and

Associated Newspapers' Channel One (which tomorrow launches its television service for Liverpool).

Cable's capacity for virtually unlimited channel capacity will come into its own with the advent of digital television, which promises channels by the hundreds. Right now many cable systems are full to bursting with minimal appeal to draw in new subscribers.

Cable's optimism is based on more than soaring telephone income. In September Oftel, the

telecommunications watchdog, cracked down on BT in answer to complaints that some BT employees had been bad-mouthing cable's telephone service to potential customers. In July, the Office of Fair Trading wrung a promise from BSkyB not to offer any more new channels to cable systems in the form called "bundling", the form in which BSkyB permits cable operators to offer the Disney Channel only to those willing to subscribe to two pay-TV movie channels as well. For its part, the Independent Television Commission is investigating whether even the Disney bundle will be allowed to remain intact.

ne thing cable will never offer; the satellite porn, aka, "flood of foreign filth", that so troubles Virginia Bottomley and the Doily Mail. Satellites. with their moveable dishes and alterable decoder cards, will always be able to outwit Britain's censors. Not so cable. It is a local pipe, installed under licence. Nothing will be allowed in that the licenser does not like.

Cable may well pull up close to its rivals. But only if it enjoys continued regulatory vigilance. Such is the aversion these days to even quasi-monopolies that, change of government or not, it will probably get it.

THE LISTENER

In one door and out the other

IF MARILYN Warnick ever decides to write a book about her life in newspapers, her recent stint on The Daily Telegraph will barely register a paragraph. Staff at Canary Wharf are

still trying to work out whether she has just completed one of the briefest periods of employment in Telegraph history. Ms Warnick, a respected

books editor, was thrilled when she was hired earlier this month to take charge of buying the serial rights to any suitable blockbuster the paper could snap up. On her first day she was dispatched to the Frankfurt Book Fair to scout about for new titles. She was mildly surprised to find Paul Woolfenden, the Telegraph's marketing guru, doing much



Martin Dunn, left, and Sir David English

tact with publishers and agents, urging them to do business with The Telegraph. But her new job came to a shuddering halt when an embarrassed Sue Ryan, the news editor, phoned Germany to say: "Er, sorry, we can't hire you after all."

According to insiders, Ms Warnick's sacking was not personal and they suspect raging internal politics are to blame. "Marilyn was hired on Monday and fired on Thursday. It was like something out of a French farce," one said. Undaunted, Ms Warnick "Even by Telegraph stand busily set about making conthat has to be a record." "Even by Telegraph standards

STAFF at Associated Newspapers have noticed ooky thing about Martin Spooky thing worm.

Dann, the new golden boy of Narthcliffe House. They detect something familiar about the silvery hair, the bold spectacles, the pleasantly ronnded face...

Dunn, recently lared from his job as Editor of the New Yark Daily News to oversee Associated's new media and cable television operations, is, staff say, starting to bear an uncauny resemblance to his close friend and mentor. Sir David English. It was apparently the prospect of

working with Sir David that convinced Dunn to make the move back to Britoin. "Martin seems to be growing into a Sir David clone," a source said. "Are they by any chance related? I think we should be told."

Chocoholics?

AS GRANADA prepares to launch four episodes a week of Coronation Street next month, the admen at Cadbury are making contingency plans. The company fears viewers may become bored by the animated chocolate Coronation Street figures that appear four times during each

programme.
When the Street goes four times a week that will be 16 times they see them," said an insider. "We are going to have to think up a new sequence."

Royal mints

JUST when the Royal Family thought it had laid to rest the ghost of Panorama, another television documentary is threatening to send more skel-etons hurtling out of the cupboard. This time the subject is more minor royals who allegedly capitalise on their status to make a living.

The documentary is being must treat her as must treat her as Claudia Schiffer."

Story by the independent company 20:20 Television. "Was are also looking at the child-

ren of the royals," said a However, he denied a nasty rumour that the Duchess of York was not included

because she would require a

documentary all of her own.

MOST people wha are trying to forge a career in television are grateful far any publicity. Not Saphie Anderton, the 19-year-old face of the Gossard underwear adverts. She believes newspapers should have to pay for the privilege of promating ker new Channel 4 show.

new Channel 4 snow.

Ms Anderson, who appears half-naked in the Gossard posters beneath the headline "Who says a woman can't get pleasure out of something soft?", presents?

a fashian programme, Desire. Televisian publicists have been affering interviews and photoshoots to get the show in the news. But fashion editors have been astonished to receive follow-up calls from Ms Anderton's model agency Elite, demand-ing £2,000 plus 20 per cent commission for the honour. "Sophie is a professional,"

said a snooty aide. You must treat her as you would

Wrangler tries for a better market fit

WRANGLER Jeans is taking drastic action to halt the indomitable march of its main rival, Levi's, in Britain. The company is on the brink of awarding its challenging pan-European advertis-ing business to a UK agency. The brief, say insiders, is not to "do a

Levi's" with the Seventies brand. "Levi's do that too well, so there's no point trying to beat them," said an adman who has been shortlisted.

Levi's has a 15.5 per cent share of the UK jeans market compared with Wrangler's 6.5 per cent share, Parallels are being drawn with what was a similarly lough job for Adidas, another previously market-leading Seventies brand, in the face of increasing opposition from Nike.

Wrangler's advertising task will be tricky but it could be easier if they got the jeans right first. A better fit maybe?

The advertising world is increasingly concerned over the distressing new

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tendency among marketing directors to call pitches and then switch jobs halfway through, leaving agencies

high and dry.
A review for BAA's advertising business has just been set back by the departure of Claire Hewitt, the BAA marketing director, who has left the shortlisted agencies wondering what happens next.

Agencies on the recent Mastercard pitchlist suffered the same fate when George Strachan, the marketing director, invited a handful to pitch for its account and then resigned. The incumbent agency was reappointed to the business as if the review had never been called.

Given that pitching for the averagesized £5 million account sets an agency back between £15,000 to £20,000 in third-party costs, plus as

much as another £20,000 in executive time, adfolk are understandably miffed at the trend.

WHILE agencies eagerly sign up famous faces for their television commercials, GGT Advertising has assembled an enviably star-studded series of celebrities to do radio ads for The Big Issue, the weekly magazine sold by the homeless.

Nick Hancock, Jane Horrocks, Jack Dee, Paul Whitehouse, Eddie Izzard and Charlie Chuck have all offered their services free for a series of commercials to run on Virgin Radio from the end of the week.

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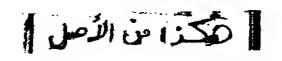
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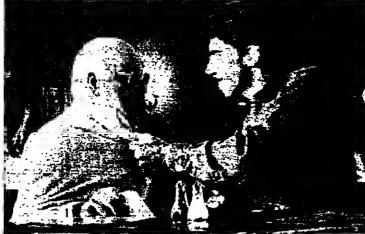
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Damon Hill's Pizza Hut advertisement is in line for an industry award



Nicholas Lyndhurst was chosen by W H Smith to boost its sales



alkers Crisps hope that some of Gary Lineker's popularity will rub off on product sales, while Henry Kissinger brought gravitas and novelty to The Economist's TV spot

here is an old saying in advertising circles that if you haven't got an idea, you get a star. If this is the case, adfolk must be devoid of any real creative thought at the moment, given the unprecedented glut of celebrities appearing on our tele-

Half an hour's viewing of any commercial TV channel is likely to feature a galaxy of star-studded advertisements. If you don't catch Mel Smith fronting Visa Delta's latest advertisements or Ruby Wax plugging the Vauxhall Gorsa; you-will probably see Nicholas Lyndhurst promoting W H Smith's family range of goods or Mrs Merton extolling the virtues of British Gas.

Then there is Kate Moss and John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, in the One 2 One mobile phone ing celebrity TV chefs on behalf of Bisto granules. There is even Henry Kissinger, who has just been signed upter do a brief spot for The Economist, and that's not counting the host of celebrities busily working for BT alongside Bob Hoskins.

The advertising industry seems willing to sign up just about anybody famous, from household name actors to comedians, supermodels and sports stars who, in return for fat fees, sprinkle a little stardust on companies' otherwise possibly

dreary "buy-me" messages. But why? What is causing this explosion? Famous faces have always been used by advertising agencies but why are so many now spilling over from their programmes into our commercial breaks?

Adam Crozier, the joint chief executive of Saatchi and Saatchi, the agency behind the current Delta Visa ads, believes the diminishing shelf life of company marketing directors is a primary factor.

Current pressures on budgets mean that the average lifespan of a

Stars take over the TV breaks

Belinda Archer reports on the growing employment of actors, sports personalities and even politicians by shrewd advertisers anxious to get their message across

ably, therefore, they want to make a name for themselves, and one of the ways of doing that is to hire a star for their advertising," he says.

Another reason, according to John Webster, who as executive creative director of BMP DDB has been involved in using Rowan Atkinson in the Barclaycard ads and Gary Lineker for Walkers Crisps, is the dramade improvement in the stan-

dard of scripts. "In the past there have been a lot of ropey ads featuring celebrities wobbling coffee beans in their hands and saying things they wouldn't normally say. But the scripts are generally getting better - so much so that the stars are now thinking that doing an ad might actually help their careers

rather than hinder them." indeed, some stars have declared that their advertising has brought them fame. Others are known to use their commercials on their show reels to secure new work, and it has now almost become a standard joke within celebrity circles to boast about fuctative advertising contracts.

client is now is months. Understand- Robert Saville, the joint creative communications division of BT, a director of GGT advertising, which has used a raft of stars from Jeff Goldblum to Paul Merton, Jack Dee and Denis Leary to from its ads, hints at another cause for the fashion.

> e says: "Media is becoming increasingly expensive, so campaigns have to establish themselves quickly now or they get dropped. Celebrines make a spot work very quickly indeed. They are a media accelerator. .. their fame accelerates the fame of the campaign and the

impact of the ad." Celebrines have always been a useful weapon in the adman's armoury and there are perennial advantages to using them. They aid awareness levels, provide brand differentiation in crowded markets, they can jazz up a grey proposition for a grey product and help to generate useful spin-off PR — making the

marketing pound stretch further. Stars also have the necessary talent, says Shoko Douglas-Home, head of advertising for the personal

tous Hoskins. "You often simply need someone who can act, who has conviction and credibility and who can get the message across. That can't be just anyone off the street," he says,

committed celebrity-using advertiser

from Maureen Lipman to the ubiqui-

Advertisers, however, must be wary of hiring personality frontmen. The basic problem with stars is that. being stars, they often behave like operanc prima donnas and they do not come cheap.

A famous face can cost anything

from £20,000 to several hundred thousands, depending on how much you want to use them and the extent and length of their involvement with the product. Adland is also rife with cautionary

tales such as the Michael Jackson and Pepsi debacle which clearly illostrated one fundamental problem - that if you use someone famous you are hostage to their fortunes. Pepsi was forced to pull out of its commercial association with Jackson when charges were brought against him for alleged child abuse in

him for alleged child abuse in November 1993.

A personality can also drown out the brand message and steal the limelight. A classic example of mismanaged celebrity use was the Joan Collins/Leonard Rossiter Cinzano commercial of the late Seventies. To this day, people remember the ad but have difficulty recalling whether it was Cinzano or a rival vermouth.

Andrew Robertson, managing di-

was Cinzano or a rival vermouth.

Andrew Robertson, managing director of Abbot Mead Vickers BBDO, the agency behind the Bob Hoskins BT commercials and recent Pizza Hutwork; sums up the main disadvantage of using a personality. The trap is that unless you think carefully about who you want to use and how and what you want to use and how and what warm will get a labour the control of the control and why, you will get a lot of attention for your advertising but none for your brand or proposition." As any commercial break suggests, nowever, the pittails of using stars are increasingly surmounted by agencies - particularly in the light of

their success rates. Past recent winners of the prestigious Institute of Practitioners in Advertising effective ness awards have included Jack Dee's ads for John Smith's bitter and Rowan Atkinson's for Barclaycard. Meanwhile, as many as four of this year's shortlisted entries feature famous faces, including Damon Hill in a spot for Pizza Hut and Ryan Giggs in

Quom burger commercial. Observers say the more celebrities are used, the more they will be used in the future. "Once the authors of ads see something successful, they want to compete and because there. have been several good, entertaining campaigns using celebrities recently people want to climb on that band-

wagon, "Webster adds.
Before long, no doubt, something else will come along to titillate the admen. Until that time, however, the client company, the agency, the celebrity and, arguably, the viewer gain from the proliferation of talent in our commercial breaks.

Could The Sun win it for Blair?

Labour has been wooing the tabloid Tory press since the last election, Maggie Brown reports

voters and help to decide general elections was given. a fresh airing this week when Peter Mandelson,
Tony Blair's tight-hand
man, told Sir David Frost
that he hoped The Sun
would support Labour this time. "If The Sun chooses to pitch against us like the last election we will find it difficult to win, but not impossible, he said.

He was referring to the

now infamous campaign of ridicule that Britain's larg-est selling daily, in the final fling of Kelvin MocKenzie's editorship, heaped upon Neil Kinnock in the 1992 election, which John Major won against the

The Sun's cov-erage culminat-ed in the trium-Dramatic changes are taking won it, which has created a small industry of research into the at The links between newspapers and **Express**

place

Mr Kinnock believed that the press had helped to undermine his credibility. Mr Blair's advisers, led by Alastair Campbell, the former *Daily Mirror* political editor, would seem to concur. They have spent the years in opposition wooing both the Tory mass-market tabloids and the stern moralists at the middle market Daily Mail and Mail on

Immediately Mr Blair be-came Labour leader a signed article from him sprouted in the News of the World: the flow has continued as the party charm, offensive seeks to convert floating Tory readers into new Labour supporters. And the wooing has had some effect. Mr Mandelson. has good grounds for hope, new Labour has been listened to with some respect. Sir David English last year lantalisingly hinted that the Mail might just make common cause with Mr Blair. The Labour leader's latestspeech to the Commonwealth Press Union (chaired by Sir. David): reasserting family values, found a place on the Daily Mail's froot page on Monday.

Underpinning the dithering and quite evident equivocation are the uncertain, fortunes of Mr Major, an. appreciation of Labour's move to the central ground;

THE notion that newspather the apparent exhaustion of pers. especially the largest-conservative policies and selling fabloids, influence the natural desire of media. groups not to risk alienating

All this puts into context The Sun's style of reporting conference it was a model of rectifude. The paper carried a double-page spread detailing Labour's policies, and an editorial praising Mr Blair's brilliant speech". It concloded:

conviction by a man of decency and courage. Now give him your trust."

Yet the most dramatic

> Conservative. Government, with a Tory peer (Lord Stevens of Ludgate) at its olas Lloyd) in the Since the take-

over by the Lab our peer Lord Hollick, the papers have edged notice-ably towards the centre, shifting their political position as part of a relaunch to salvage their fortunes. In a seminal editorial in The Express of October 6 the paper served notice that its allegiance could change.

AT THE very least Mr Blair can expect a relatively clean election campaign from this quarter, free from the per-sonality attacks that the Conservatives, from the "demon eyes" poster onwards, are unleashing. As The Times editorial noted last set to become more personal in the months ahead." It will be hard for Tory spin-doctors to plant their seeds in this newly sterilised Ex-press ground-Lord Hollick has insisted that its political reporting is factual.

But this is not the whole. story." Tory-supporting newspapers are fickle, fair weather friends. The Daily Mail devoted a page to why women find Mr Blair "smarmy". They instinctive ly thrill to signs of hope of a Tory revival and can absentmindedly banish the reality of sleaze and European schisms - for a period. But the dominant impression remains: Mr Blair can expect reasonable treatment with some punches pulled.

The courage to reach the top — and stay there

ditors of national newspapers live as preagers of Premiership football clubs. If they fail to lift sales, they are dismissed, which has been the fate of eight Fleet Street editors in the past year. So: Richard Addis, editor of The Express, is the man that Fleet Street is watching closely this month.

After decades of decline and a string of editors, during which sales of the Doily Express and Sunday Express have declined by almost three million. Addis has launched what may be the last attempt to save the two papers which, under the ownership of the legendary Lord Beaverbrook. dominated Fleet Street both before and after the Second Warld War.

After 96 years there is no longer a Daily Express nor. after 78 years, a Sunday Express. Since October 5, Addis has been editing a sevenday newspaper, The Express. The Express on Saturday and The Express on Sunday.

The Express has been elegantly redesigned - some critics say too elegantly for a tabloid - and a daily sport section introduced within a newspaper of at least 80 pages. On weekdays the tele-



vision listings are placed conveniently on the back page. Addis claims the paper has more colour pictures than any other national. On Saturday there is a new glossy magazine and another,

slightly less glossy, on Sun-day. The Express has also introduced price cuts. There is a voucher offer for a 35p Express on Sunday, and The Express is selling all this week in Greater London for 10p.

Addis is carrying the battle to one of the two most ruthless newspaper managements in Britain at Associated Newspapers, owners of the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday. ancient rivals of the Express group, and led by Lord Rothermere and Sir David English, who was the best

editor of his generation. Journalists are harsh critics of rival newspapers. Yet the response among those i meet has been that Addis's Ernress "not at all had", which means they think he has done a good job. It looks as if his chutzpah is being rewarded. Sales lifted by more than 100,000 for the first Express on Saturday.

Yet the sales figures for September show the magnitude of the task that Addis is now confronting. Five years ago, the Daily Mail sold about 140,000 more copies a day than the Daily Express The Mail's lead last month had increased to almost 900,000, and its sale was up by 233,000 on September last year against a year-on-year fall of 67,000 for the Express. The test for Addis is to close that gap. As English demonstrated in the years when he chased and overtook the Doily Express. it is a test that can be passed - but English and

that he will fail. Apart from The Sun. still selling more than four million a day, and the Doily Mail, it is

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AUTUMN SALES WAR

the broadsheets which are having the best of the autumn. Selling at 10p on Mondays. The Times again hit a new record sale of 810,000 and narrowed the lead of The Daily Telegraph to 265,000

(compared with 673,000 when the price of The Times was reduced in 1993), but month by month the Telegraph still manages, just, to ching on to a sale of over one million. At weekends, The Sunday

Telegraph was up by 80,000 on a year ago. Under Editors Charles Moore and Dominic Lawson it has increased its sale over the past five years by 192.000 - but it is the mamtnoth Sunday Times which still cruises effortlessly ahead as market leader, almost outselling all three of its Sunday

The Guardian remains well ahead of The Independent, which celebrated its tenth anniversary last week but which is still struggling to get lift off under its new editor Andrew Marr. it was the only broadsheet whose sales fell last month and The Guardian has increased circulation in the past year as The Independent has lost 27,000. For The Observer it was The Sunday Times that was once its main rival. It is now content with third place but the revamped paper is beginning to win back readers while year on year sales of The Independent on Sunday were down by 37,000. Its Editor, Peter Wilby paid the price for declining sales last week and was replaced by Rosie Boycott, the Editor of Esquire magazine, who is now the first woman editor of o British broadsheet.

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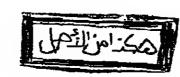
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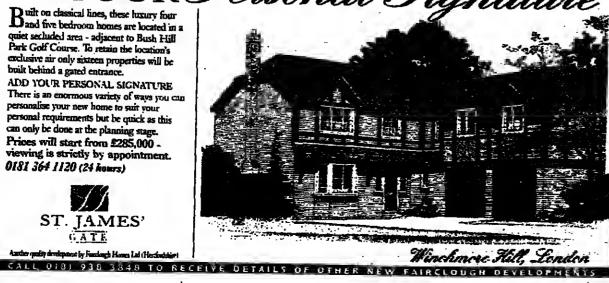
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- Then such letting was common-place. Indeed Michael Sayer, au-thor and expert on the disintegration of Britain's historic heritage, estimates that as many as 50, per cent of the 3,000-odd important country houses were routinely let before the war. In Norfolk alone, Melton Constable, Raynham and Haydon Hall were

all let. They were let as entities, including furniture and chattels, usually for short periods of up to five years.

Typically owners had a couple of seats." says Richard Wilkins. director of the Historic Houses Association. Fellow aristocrats would enjoy playing musical houses, swapping their seats as whim and fancy dictated.

the style of the times," Mr Wilkins says. But for the past couple of bades, there has been a dearth of such property to rent.

Owners were frightened that tenants would become all too permanent because of legislation unsympathetic to landlords, while would-be renters preferred to buy with seemingly ever-rising property prices. Instead, a swath of historic houses became prep schools, hotels and even conference

Now a crop of important stately homes and country houses have

Queen advertised in Country Life the lease of Ling House, a farmhouse on her Sandringham estate in Norfolk. She is only the latest in a line of estate owners to let their

Earlier this year the 19th Duke of Somerset, John Michael Edward Seymour, his wife Judith-Rose and their four children, put Bradley House, near Warminster, set in 15 acres of Wiltshire, up for rent for £50,000 a year. Meanwhile, they have moved to more modest quar-

Henry VIII was reputedly once a guest in the Grade II listed, five-reception, seven-bedroom and fivebathroom house. The first Duke of Somerset. Edward Sey-

mour, was the brother of Jane, third wife of Henry VIII, and in one ol the bedrooms is the four-poster inlaid oak bed with a wooden can-Edward VI is said to have been conceived.

The rest of the fur-nishings are included in the rent, as well as the stables and gardens. The house was built in 1700 and is the remain-

ing wing of something far grander. The three storey, ivy-covered build-ing is perfectly symmetrical with a central arched doorway and a coat of arms flag flying oo the roof. It is built of rendered Bath stone with some finely carved stone figures set

The Duke, 43, owns about 3,000 acres around Maiden Bradley, and plans that his eldest son will move back in after five years. The family has moved to a five-bedroom 18th-century farmhouse on their other estate at Berry Pomeroy. The Duke said at the time: "One has to make assets work. We cannot leave the





The Queen has advertised the lease of Ling House, the Duke of Northumberland let Chatton Park, and the Duke of Somerset put Bradley House, above, up for rent

house empty and I think we would have moved anyway."

In July the Duke of Norfolk put Park House in West Sussex up for rent. The house is flanked by two wings, one originally for the late Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's daughters, the other for her staff. Inside there is an air of grandeur created by the plaster vaults and recessed arches. The six-bedroom house, ten miles from Chichester. has been let for up to 15 years for £40,000 a year.

It was built between 1958 and 1962 by Claude Phillimore as a dower house for the duchess who died in December 1995, It is being let until it is required for family use.

Chanton Park in Northumberpreviously the home of the Duke of Northumberland, who decided to let the property when he inherited Alnwick Castle in Northomber-

The motivation of owners is clear, says Andrew Jones, from Clegg Kennedy Drew, which has become expert in cornering the market for letting these kinds of

"These are large estates with sometimes several properties which have become surplus to requirements. They are often close to the main house: Park House, for example, is within a third of a mile of Arundel Castle. So often there is no question of selling them. But letting them means that there is an extra source of income for the landlord and an asset is being

shorthold tenancies, which guarantee that the owner can reclaim his property so long as the lease is not, for longer than 21 years, has reassured owners, who can thus keep a firm grip on their homes. The leases stipulate the right to view the property at any time,

sometimes even parts of the home remain open to the public. Moreover, letting the property with staff intact means that gardeners and housekeepers can be kept

Some state that the grounds and

in work. Clearly these are historic proper ties, often with interiors to match. Agents recommend that prospec tive tenants should be thoroughly vetted. In reality, friends of friends

provide the kind of reassurance

The introduction of assured that no bank reference or lawyers' promise could provide. As Mr Jones says: "Without sounding terribly snobbish, these are PLUs [People Like Us, in Sloane-speak]." in the Duke of Somerset's case, he personally met the new tenants of

Maiden Bradley,
One good tip is to meet wouldbe tenants in their existing property to see how they maintain it." says Mr Jones.

Barbara Blanchard, from John D. Wood's Hampshire office, recommends that such houses should not be let for more than a year at a time, with the option to renew on

And I believe it better not to issue the tenant with a full repairing lease," Ms. Blanchard says.
"Inappropriate redecoration and can't buy."

improvements can permanently destroy many of the features of these historic houses." She also recommends a thorough inventory and a deposit of between six weeks and two months' rental.

Mr Wilkin adds that if the owner remains responsible for repairs himself, he can keep an eye on the property and charge a higher rent. All of the historic houses put on to the rental market have been let within weeks, with Ling House

expected to be snapped up shortly. As Rupert Bradstock, from the property buying agents Property Vision, says: These grand houses are rarely the lewel in the landlord's crown, but even their second string is often of stately proportions. These are houses that money

Law Report October 16 1996 Court of Appeal

Sick pay for part-time employee

Officer Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Auld and Sir Patrick

Russell [Jingment October 10] An employer was liable for statutory sick pay in respect of a part-

continuously employed for more than three months under a series of daily contracts and who had worked in excess of t6 hours each

The deeming provisions of sec-tion 49(4) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 applied so as to convert the daily contracts into a contract for an indefinite period so that the employee could establish a period of entitlement under section 153(2) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

The Court of Appeal so held ring an unopposed appeal by the claimant, Sally Brown, from the decision on January 12, 1995, of a social security commissioner, Mr D. G. Rice, who had upheld the social security appeal tribumal's decision refusing her claim to stabutory sick pay for the period from June 21, 1992 to December 9.

The claimant was employed on a day-to-day basis for a continuous period from September 1991 to 1992 working not less than 24 holds each week during that period. On June 21, 1992, she injured her neck at work as a result of which she was incapable of working until December 1992.

Section 151(1) of the Social Sec-urity Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 imposed liability for making payments on an employer where an employee had a day of incapacity, as defined, and the conditions in sections 152 to 154 of the Act were satisfied.

Section 153(1) laid down the condition that the day of incapacity in question fell within "a period of

Section 153(2) defined "a period of enodement as inter and period beginning with the commencement of a period of incapacity for work and ending with ... Ic the day on which the employee's contract of service with the employer concerned expires or

is brought to an end."

Schedule II to the 1992 Act provideds: "(I) A period of entitle-ment does not arise in relation to a particular period of incapacity for work in any of the [following]

2 . . . (b) the employee's contract of service was entered into for a specified period of not more than three months."

However, section 49(4) of the Protection Employment Protection (Collylidation) Act 1978 (now section to of the Employment Rights Act 1996] provides "[any] contract of employment of a person who has been continuously employed for three months or more which is a contract for a term certain of one month or less shall have effect as if it were for an indefinite period

notice periods shall apply to the contract."

Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Miss Helen Mountfield for the employee: Mr Michael Kent, QC. for the chief adjudication officer.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the provisions relating to statutory sick pay were contained in Part XI of the 1992 Act. By section t51 where an employee had a day of incapacity for work the employer was to pay him sick pay in respect of that day, provided that three qualifying conditions were saosfied.

third conditions were satisfied here. The second was that the day of incapacity should fall within "a period of entitlement" as defined in By paragraphs (I) and (2) of Schedule II a period of entitlement

did not arise if, inter alia, the employee's contract of service was entered into for 2 specified period of not more than three months. Having held that by virtue of other provisions of Schedule 11 the other provisions of schedule 11 the claimant's contract with the em-ployer was for a specified period of more than three months, the social security commissioner then turned

claimant became unable to work because of incapacity, then by daily basis, her contract ended with the last day worked. Accord-

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THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

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enottement. is the contract had already ended." The commissioner thus concluded that the second qualifying condition had not been satisfied so that she was not

entitled to sick pay. However, for completeness, the commissioner mentioned and rejected the claimant's argument

relying on section 49(4) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 13 to the Employment Protection Consolidation Act 1978 that she was entitled on the facts of the case to one week's notice of termination of her employment and accordingly her employment did not terminate on the day she con-tracted her incapacity. The commissioner said that he did not tt was agreeed that the first and see how the 1978 Act could effect the wording of section 153(2)(c) of

the 1992 Act.

It was now clear that it was on the effect of section 49(4) of the 1978 Act that the outcome of the appeal depended. On the face of it that subsection applied to the claimant. No difficulty arose in relation to the definition of continuous employment: she was continu-ously employed for rather more than nine months and her contract had effect as if it were for an

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Section 49(4) did indeed apply to the claimant's case. The effect was that her contract of employment had become a contract for an indefinite period which, under section 49(t)(a) was only terminable by not less than one week's notice, which notice was never

For the purposes of section t53(2)(c) of the 1992 Act, the period of entitlement should properly be treated as being the period from June 21 to December 9, 1992, with the consequence that the claimant was entitled to statutory sick pay

rick Russell agreed. Solicitors: Mr David Thomas Solicitor, Department of Social

The bundle should be agreed. The originals of all affidavits intended to be relied on should be

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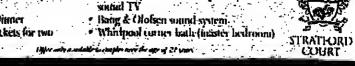
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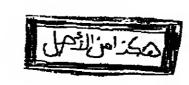
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Battling to prove the equal of a legendary father

SIMON BARNES

n the nature of things, fathers set a problem for their sons. Perhaps the problem is more acute if the ather is a hero, and doubly so if he is a dead hero — to take random examples. Oedipus. King Hamlet and Graham

Sport makes this eternal question more vivid, which is generally the way of sport and eternal questions. But Damon Hill's heroic pursuit of the ghost of his own father has provided the most vivid and most unbearably tense story of the sporting year.

He has succeeded in becoming world champion and the profound meaning of it all for him - became clear with his strange pronouncement: "It is irreversible." G. Hill (1962 and 1968). D. Hill (1996). Neither name can now be erased from the list of world

It has been a long and

it is a road taken time and again. And in sport, those who take it attract particular anen-tion. As a son follows a famous father into the harsh arenas of professional sport, the response is always the same: how like his father he is! Yet,

you know, he is his own man. And so we ask the obvious question, expecting and receiving the obvious, indeed the only answer: no, I am not the second Ian Botham. I am the first Liam Botham. But how the nation revelled in Liam's first-class debut - five wickets and a moment siezed with a glorious mixture of Bothamesque desire and Bothamesque jamminess. We relish the continuity: it is human

But no son is his father come again. He is only 50 per cent of him, and 50 per cent of his mother. That is neither his tragedy nor his trumph, it is

duction. Thus, sporting fathers and sons bring us to the endlessly fascinating and endlessly unanswerable questions of nature and nurture.

Sport puts these matters into public debate. In motorracing, there is something amounting almost to a tradition of sons following fathers. Jacques Villeneuve, Damon's rival for the championship, is the son of the late Gilles, a great racer if never a world champion.

There is a strange affinity between people who actually understand engines. Whether it is a matter of cultural or genetic transmission no one can say. Perhaps it passes between father and son because, in an upbringing of eviscerated engines, mislaid tools and spilt oil, there is always something happening, always something to do. Always something to share.



Midweek View

The same thing is true of horses. In the same way, horses represent not so much a peak of achievment as an eternal Forth Bridge-type task. Certainly, horsiness regularly passes along family lines:

line of horsiness that runs deep into the histories of both sire and dam. Lester Pigott is the son of the trainer. Keith: Frankie Dettori (christened Lanfranco) is the son of the former champion jockey of

Italy, Gianfranco. It crops up time and again. in sport after sport. In cricket." Colin Cowdrey was followed into first-class cricket by two of his three sons. One of them. Chris, even became - briefly, briefly - captain of England,

One could write an entire psychological casebook about the relationship between Micky Stewart, former Eng-land coach, and his son Alec. the England cricketer. On England duty, they addressed each other not as Dad and Alex, but as Coach and Stewie. In football, Jordi Cruyff is striving to surpass the unsurpassable, being the son of

domestic life and sporting The thing about sport is that it is measurable. It can be said. marriages are often strained often end in divorce. The true for example, that Graham Hill: won two world championships, had 14 wins from 176 starts, had a career total of 289 world championship points; and that Damon has one world championship, 21 wins from 67 starts and 326 points. Sport is all about finding out who is better. That is, after all, what sport is for. To enter your father's sporting arena is to

enter into competition with him. It is a deeply ambiguous business, it is both to rebel against him and to join him. It is both an act of defiance and an act of homage.

No great achievement of any kind is made without great personal sacrifice, but it is not the hero who makes the sacrifices. It is his family. This

family dynamic.

hero of Ian Botham's autobiography is his wife. Kathy, a woman of infinite tolerance and loyalty who has even forgiven the book's pathetic subtitle Don't Tell Kath. The romance of the tale of the Cowdrey clan is muted by the break-up of Colin's marriage to the boys mother.
Father son relationships are necessarily complex. But greater complexities are added to them when the son strives to

emulate the hero-father in the same public and competitive arena. He seeks both to de-stroy his father and to become him. It happens in every walk of life, but in sport, the drama takes place before our eyes. and it has happened throughout this year. And it is cannot but make for a complex irreversible.

Spaniard's sharp move closes gap on McRae

COLIN McRAE, of Scotland. maintained his lead after the second leg of the San Remo rally in Italy yesterday, despite a sharp move by Carlos Sainz. of Spain, who cut McRae's lead to ZI seconds after gambling on a weather change. 'Sauu, driving a Ford, had dropped to eighth position overnight after deliberately checking in at the final control a minute late to incir a tensecond penalty. Sainz gambled that he would have better road conditions by starting later yesterday and it paid off

False readings

as he moved into second place.

Swimming: Josef Ruza, the secretary general of the Hungarian Swimming Federation. has been suspended for two years and the federation given "severe warning" by Fina. the sport's governing body, over the fabrication of entry times at a fictitious qualifying competition for some Hungarian swimmers at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Claymores away

American football: The Scottish Claymores will begin the defence of their World League of American Football title against the Admirals in the Amsterdam Arena next April. LONDON MONAFICHS: April 13: Frankurt Galesy (h); April 20: Fibelh Fire (a); April 25: Artelercium Admirale (a); May 4: Bercelome Dranons (h); May 11: Scottish Claymores Americam Admissis (a); May 4: Barcel Dragons (ii); May 11: Sociales Clayon (h); May 17: Bancelone (a); May Franklut (a); Jume 1: Americalom; Jum Clayonoms (a); Jume 15; Rhein (h) SCOTTESH (a); May 18: April American (a); April 20: Barcelone April 27: Phien (h); May 18: Franklut May 11: London (a); May 18: Amelon (h); May 25: Rhein (a); June 1: Frank (h); June 8: London (h); June Barcelone (a);

Afridi in squad

Cricket: Pakistan have selected Shahid Afridi in their XII for the first Test match against Zimbabwe at Sheikhupira, starting tomorrow. Afridi, 16. broke the world record for the fastest century in a one-day international carlier this month against Sri Lanka.

Brave effort

Baschall: Atlanta Braves beat St Louis Cardinals 14-0; with a championship series record of 22 hits, to take the National League play-off back to Atlan-ta today — but they still trail 3-2 in the best-of-seven series.

Warwick venture

Motor racing: Derek Warwick, the former Formula One driver, has joined Ian Harrison to launch a team for the Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship next year.

New berth

Sailing: James Capstick, competing on board Ocean Rover n the BT Global Challenge. became a father for the third time yesterday when his wife, Tracey, gave birth to a 7lb 10oz

RUGBY UNION

Dawson injury dulls polished display on French territory

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE multitalented Toulouse XV begin their defence of the Heineken Cup in Milan this evening, adding emphasis to the fact that the first round of European competition at the weekend - both in the cup and the second-tier Conference - was dominated by French clubs, Indeed the only losing French sides, both in the Conference, were Begl s-Bordeaux (beaten by their confreres from Bourgoin) and

Therefore, Northampton can take proper pride in their achievement of beating Toulon on their own soil, where they have not lost for four years. It is a rare occasion when Frenchmen will tell English opponents that they did not play as an English side

DESPITE speculation that

Wales might play their home

five nations' championship

match on March 15 with

Welsh Rugby Union (WRU)

has decided to remain in

Cardiff. Building work,

ity of the National Stadium to

44,000 (David Hands writes).

February with a new stadium

scheduled for completion in

time for the 1999 World Cup.

Fears that no more than

35,000 supporters would be

accommodated for the March

fixture have not been realised.

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is expected to play. "We beat them playing rugby and keepour discipline," lan McGeechan, the Northampton coach, said.

Victory cost them Man Dawson, the England scrum half, who was caught by a punch delivered from behind by Marc de Rougemont, the international hooker. Dawson will miss the game with Orrell tonight but hopes to be fit by the weekend, as does Gregor Townsend, who also suffered from French attentions. Northampton's application, however, only wavered in the later stages when the French put a gloss on the scoreline with three tries.

Any overseas side venturing into France's rugby heartland will find the atmosphere in-

um will close down complete-

ly from next May until late

1998, when the new ground,

capable of seating 75,000,

More good news for Wales

comes in the form of Scott

Quinnell, the Richmood

back-row forward, who has

worked out his contractual

difficulties with the WRU and

However, Alian Lewis, the

reconcile the demands of rug-

by and his profession.

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should bave taken shape

Wales make room to

keep home advantage

French recruits, Laurent Benezech and Laurens Cabannes. The atmosphere that awaits the Quins in Belfast tonight will be different from the more decorous Clubs Championship and a wild, woolly Ravenhill evening and a well-motivated Ulster XV will give them a lively introduction to Europe. Bénézech will be part of the Harlequins XV though Cabannes, the flanker, will not: Mick Watson completes the back row in a side that retains Will Carling at stand-off half, despite certain criticisms of his

timidating, though Harle-quins will have had plenty of

warning from their own

play made by the club coach, Andy Keast. Harlequins should open their campaign in comfort but form sometimes counts for little in Ireland, so Leicester will tread cautiously against Leinster. particularly since they have rested their leading points-scorer, John Liley. The full back's place goes instead to Greg Austin, who can kick goals too if the younger Liley,

KOD, snould have an ou-day Ireland's provincial champions, Munster, head in the opposite direction hoping that Steve McIvor will be fit at scrum half so that they can field the same XV that defeated Milan against Cardiff at the Arms Park

hopes to sign a new agree-That match forms part of B demanding week for Cardiff: assistant national coach, has on Sunday they pipped Wasps in the dying minutes; tonight been lorced to step down because of pressure ol work. Lewis, a full-time school they face the Irish champions teacher, has been unable to and, on Saturday, they take on Toulouse in a reprise of the final last season.



Phillips, the Great Britain XIII substitute, is halted by Johnson yesterday during the touring team's defeat

Larder hopeful despite first reverse

NZ President's XIII30 Great Britain XIII 22

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

IN WELLINGTON THE Great Britain rugby

league team lost the first match of its Pacific tour yesterday. It was hardly the ideal preparation for the internamai maten Zealand on Friday, although Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, seemed unperturbed. There is no doom and gloom," Larder said after the

defeat by a New Zealand President's XIII at Hutt Valley. This won't affect our preparation or confidence for the big one. I thought they were two very evenly-matched teams, but we should have been well ahead at half-time." Larder will not name his team for the first international. at Ericsson Stadium in

ing session today, but he said: "One or two things are now clearer in my mind." Karle Hammond, 22, the St Helens utility player, was among those to improve his prospects. "I was again very pleased with Karle," Larder said. "He has had a good tour and played

three top matches." Barrie-Jon Mather made

World Cup switch mooted

SUPER League officials are under and show everyone considering switching the what we've got." Carden said venue of the 1997 World Cup

The idea will be discussed by from Great Britain to Australia. Graham Carden, the New Zealand Rugby League president and World Super League vice-chairman, has given the proposed change his backing. It would be great for the whole Super League move-

ment to bring the event down

POWERBOATING

the World Super League

first half, setting up the Great Britain XIII's first try for:

Hayes, then scoring the sec-ond himself, but they still.

trailed 14-10 at half-time to

tries from Rapati. Okesene

The home side stretched

their lead in the second half

with a try from Anthony

Swann, Smith replying after

linking with Tollett, but Shane

and Taewa...

board in Auckland this week. Super League, which governs the sport in all the leading rugby league countries except Australia, also intends to launch a breakaway ten-team competition in-Australasia next season.

superb individual try, which was converted by Prescott to bring the touring team to within two points with eight

Hammond capped his im

pressive performance with a

on from Roper.

minutes to go, but Endacott the son of the New Zealand international coach, Frank had the final word with a 74thray, to secure victory.

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FOOTBALL

Sunderland defiant in face of red cards

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KEVIN BALL, the Sunderland midfield player, has insisted that his learn is not worried about its disciplinary record in the FA Carling Premiership, despite receiving four red cards in the first two months of the season. Richard Ord became the

fourth player to be sent off when he stamped on Nick Barmby, the England striker. during the 2-2 draw against Middlesbrough at Roker Park on Monday night. Ord, who was also dismissed at Derby County last month, is now in rouble with both the Football Association and Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, with a three-match ban for violent conduct and a hefty

club fine the likely outcome. Ball made no apology for the commitment that he believes is Sunderland's greatest strength. "This side has got a tremendous will to win and we're going to go out and battle away in every game." he said. "If that means you're walking a bit of a tightrope with certain referees, so be it. Last year, we were a committed side. That's what won us first division

championship. Ord's dismissal was Sunderland's third in two games. Martin Scott and Paul Stewart were sent off during the 2-0 defeat at Arsenal, although Stewart's red card for a handball offence has since been quashed as Paul Danson, the referee, has admitted making

Reid has hinted that heavy punishment now awaits Ord, who missed the match at Highbury because he was serving a suspension after his

dismissal at Derby.
The final Wear-Tees derby before Sunderland move to a new stadium at Wearmouth provided an entertaining match and an answer to the critics who had accused Reid's team of being unduly nega-"We're not too fussed about whether people think we're entertaining or not." Ball said.

A former senior referee yesterday claimed that Premiership officials do as they're told" for fear of losing their positions this season. John Lloyd, of Wrexham, refereed in the Premiership and Football League, and was also a Fifa official, before retiring at

the end of last season.
"It is not always the best referees who are in the Premier League, but more often the ones who do as they are told, and have contacts in football who can help them," Lloyd said. Lloyd also criticised Foot-

ball League assessors. "Assessors are often people with no experience of refereeing at the highest level," he said. "I refereed Chelsea and Tottenham in the 1993-94 season and was assessed by a 76-year-old. who had been a linesman for two seasons 30 years ago."

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, is facing another potentially explosive situation - this time with Leeds United supporters — at Villa Park on Saturday.

Bosnich already has an FA disrepute charge hanging over him after his Nazi-style salute to Tottenham Hotspur fans at White Hart Lane on Saturday. He faces another tough afternoon from Leeds fans, who recall the Australian being sent off in the closing stages of a Premiership match at Elland Road 18 months ago.

Villa insist that they will continue to pick Bosnich, who will then have to return to Elland Road next Wednesday for a Coca-Cola Cup third round tie. However, Allan Evans, the Villa assistant manager, said: "He's had problems with the Leeds crowd in the past. He was sent off there for wasting time and winding people up. He's been in the wrong a few times and he must start to grow up."

Open and shut case in Amsterdam

Nick Szczepanik visits

the stadium where

almost every possibility is seemingly covered

Performing regularly at Ibrox, one of Britain's finest football grounds. the players of Rangers know all about big stands; but, when they run out to face Ajax at the £80 million, SI,200-seat Amsterdam Arena tonight, they will be looking at the first of a new generation of sports stadiums. Depending on the weather, Rangers may even find themselves playing in-doors, thanks to the Arena's sliding roof, the only one of its kind in Europe, which can be opened or shut in IS minutes.

Privately owned - Ajax will rent it for home games at a cost of £28 million per season - and built by Ballast Nedam, an Anglo-Dutch company also involved with Sunderland's Wearmouth Stadium, the Arena is "an event hall where you can play football", according to Peter Joustra, one of the men behind it.

A Uefa consultant who wrote the European governing body's manual of technical requirements for new stadiums and collaborated on the Taylor Report, Joustra is one of Europe's most respected experts on safety stan-dards. He is convinced that hooliganism, even in Holland, will not be a problem.

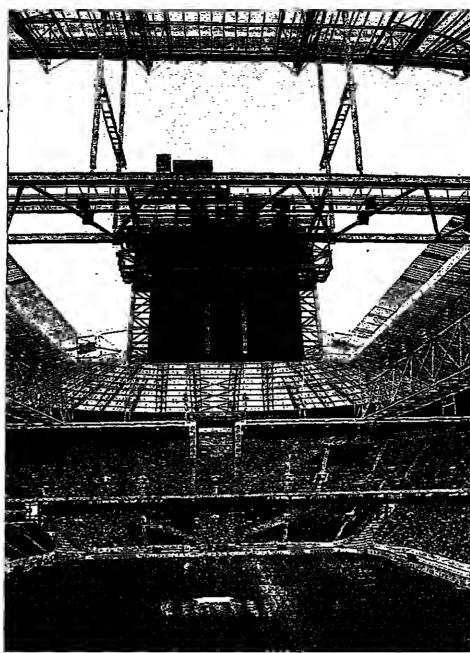
There has been a change of

mind," Joustra said. "The Ajax stadium is a totally new way of thinking. We don't even consider hooliganism any more." One of his preventive measures is to ensure high standards of spectator comfort and convenience (750 of those); although total evac-uation time in the event of emergency, even from the 350 wheelchair spaces, is only six minutes, Joustra does not want his "clients", as he calls them, to leave in a hurry.

In fact, he would like them there all day. "We have a cinema, creches, 25 restaurants from Chinese to Mc-Donald's, a concert hall and a snooker hall. After the game, you don't go straight home, you stay, watch a concert and

have a drink or a meal."

The Ajax players have not felt as much at home. The move to the Arena has coincided with a run of injuries, disputes and poor home form, including defeat in their previ-



The state-of-the-art Amsterdam Arena, in which Rangers will play Ajax tonight

ous Champions' League game against Grasshoppers. The natural grass pitch has

been causing problems. In choosing a fixed playing surface rather than the moveable sections of turf seen at Detroit's Pontiac Silverdome during USA 94, Ajax were gambling on an untried technological solution to a new situation - even with the roof open, some of the surface rarely sees sunlight - and, despite computer-controlled watering, drainage and tem-perature, it has already been back to the drawing board.

We've had to returf three large sections, which did not 'take' as we would have liked,"

Ronald van der Aart, of the Arena, said. "Winter is coming, and the problems may not be completely solved until it gets warm again in summer, but we're on the way to having them under control. We feel very confident that we will have a good pitch."

ther aspects of the move have been better. While Ajax used to attract average gates of only 18,000 and had to sell their best players to make ends meet, the new stadium, with two adjacent railway stations and a through-road giving access to underpilch parking, has generated such a surge of

interest that matches are sold out for the next two seasons. The first executive box to be sold on netted a 60 per cent profit on the cost of £100,000. Stadium tours attracted 2,500 a day, 7,000 on one Saturday, while the Arena was still a hard-hat area. There has even been a wedding there.

As England contemplates a new national stadium, the Amsterdam Arena, ideal for a cold northern European setting - if they can get the grass - points one way forward. The technology is not limited to 50,000-scat size. While England procrasti-nates, the first true 21st century stadium is already here.

Koreans unmoved by Blatter remarks

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WORLD Cup organisers in South Korea said yesterday that they were not taking seriously criocism of prepara-oons for the 2002 finals made by Sepp Blatter, the Fifa general secretary.

South Korea and Japan were jointly awarded the task of hosting the 2002 finals after both nations had spent months in bitter competition for the honour. Blaner warned that this rivalry had not diminished and that Fifa may have to award the event to

another country.

Japanese officials would not comment, saying that they were still waiting to see the interview with Blatter in World Soccer magazine. They denied that Fifa had made any official complaint.
However, an official at the

Office of Preparation for the 2002 World Cup in Seoul said that South Korean organisers were taking Blatter's comments as "personal" and "not serious". The official said that there was enough time for South Korea and Japan to resolve their differences through negotiations.

Disputes over the preparations have become so sensitive that Fifa has caudoned the two nations about making statements in public. "I must say that the countries are not only not coming closer, it's quite the opposite. They are moving further apart. This is not the ntarriage we want." Blatter allegedly told World Soccer.

A meeting is to be held in Zurich on November 6 and Blatter said that, before then, Fifa intends to meet Japanese and South Korean officials to discuss how they plan to work together. But he added: "It won't be easy. They cannol even agree on the shape of the tournament

"Japan, for instance, want perhaps 40 teams in the finals so they have more matches in their cities - but the Koreans want only 32 teams because they have envisaged only main host cities hosting matches,"

Blatter warned that 2002 would be the only time that the tournament is hosted jointly. We are learning to appreciate the reasons for one country even more in this present situation regarding 2002," he

Clark 'not at risk' in Forest .. takeover

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FRANK CLARK, the Noningham Forest manager, has been assured that his job will be safe should Grant Bovey succeed in his battle to take control of the FA Carling Premiership club.

Bovey, a life-long Forest supporter, is favourite to take charge at the City Ground after making a near £30 million takeover bid, including a "substantial amount" of money to be made available to Clark for team-strengthening.

Bovey is so confident of beating the three other groups hidding for control that he has already spent hundreds of thousands of pounds to ensure that he could take over immediately if shareholders give their approval at Forest's annual meeting on October 31.

However, although he is concerned about Forest's position - they are fourth from bottom after failing to win since the opening day of the season — he will not be following the example set by the Caspian Group, which took charge of Leeds United in the summer and replaced Howard Wilkinson as manager with George Graham within a few weeks.

Bovey said: "It is not my intention to change the personnel. We haven't gone into detail about practical matters like that, but my inioal reaction is that Frank Clark is a successful manager, and we would have no reasons at this point in ome to replace him.

"From our point of view, the quicker things can happen the better. Every week that goes by is one lost in having the chance to improve the team. - but the people at Forest are aware of that,

"People ask if I would go ahead with the deal if Forest were relegated, but, if all goes to plan, I'll already be at the club long before such a time. I would like to help them now to avoid the possibility of going down. It is something we want to steer clear of because the financial implications would be considerable."

Forest have debts of more than E5 million, but Bovey is confident that he can make the club a viable proposition. "I wouldn't have taken things as far as I have if I didn't feel confident about that," he said.

QPR players threaten TV boycott

QUEENS Park Rangers players yesterday indicated that they will boycott their Sky TV match against Crystal Palace on November 10, should a strike be called this week. The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) is in dispute with the Football League, claiming that it is entitled to ten per cent of television revenue.

Players have until today to return their ballot forms and an announcement will be made on Saturday as to whether they have voted for strike action

Simon Barker, the Queens Park Rangers captain, believes that PFA members

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regotiated until we are blue in the face and we've got no-where," he said. "What can you say lo an organisation that says 'go out there and entertain but, by the way, we

are keeping your money'." If the players vote for a strike, it will come into force on November 1. The first game to be affected would be the Nationwide League first division match between Grimsby Town and Sheffield United on November 3.

John Dennis, the chairman of Barnsley, is still hoping that common sense will prevail. "We have discussed the situaoon with the management and the players," Dennis said.

Nationwide League

Second division

Millwall v Bury (7.45) . .

Gateshead v Morecambe (7 45)

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replay SI Leonards Stamproft v Brontiey (? 45) ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow Borough v Aylesbury

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"I hope a compromise can be reached between the PFA and the League, so that strike action can be avoided." The League is considering legal action in an attempt to prevent

the strike. Fulham have turned down an approach from Brighton and Hove Albion lo groundshare at Craven Cottage next season. Brighton, who will be without a home from May, are still hoping to share with Portsmouth but a groundshare application has not yet been lodged with the League.

David Bellotti, the Brighton chief executive, sounded out Fulham officials after supporters mendoned five London grounds as possible alterna-

tives to Fratton Park Bt a meeong in July.

Jimmy Hill, the Fulham chairman, confirmed that he had turned down the approach because of an agreement with the local council. "We are sympathetic to Brighton's problems but there's no question of anyone else play-ing at Craven Cottage." he

Fratton Park was Brighton's first choice for a ground-share when the Goldstone Ground was sold IS months ago. Crawley and Hove greyhound stadiums ifave also been considered as temporary homes. The club is keen to press on with plans for a new studium at Toad's Hole Valley in Hove.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT When there are finesses available in several suits, players can get confused as to which one to take. I hope you would have made a better shot at this hand than did the declarer. There are certain parallels to the Danny Roth hand I gave yesterday.

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Contract: Four Spades by South, Lead; lack of diamonds

South opened One Spade and North raised to Four Spades. Declarer won the diamond in hand with the queen, and his first mistake was to play a heart to the queen, attempting to dispose of his losing club.

+AJ

But there was no hurry for this. Playing the finesse against the jack of clubs is as good as finessing against the king of hearts. A club return from East after he wins the king of hearts enables the defence to get a club ruff to beat the contract, but in pracoce East returned a diamond. In desperation declarer had to lay down the ace of spades.

When that dropped the king he could enter dummy with the second round of spades to take a club discard on the ace of hearts: thus after some ping-pong Bt tricks two and three declarer made his contract.

This is the correct technique. Lay down the ace of spades at trick two. If both players follow without the king falling, conduce with the ace of

hearts and a heart ruff. Now cash the remaining high diamonds. If the thirteenth diamond is good, discard a club from dummy on it. If the last diamond is not good, ruff it and get off play with a spade, If the worst comes to the worst you will have to hope the jack of clubs is with West. But there are club positions in which East has the jack and yet the defence cannot take three clubs, eg if East has A J or K J doubleton, or if East has A K J of clubs and the king of This line of play works if the

king of spades is singleton, or if diamonds are three-three, or if the jack of clubs is unside, or if the defence cannot unscramble their club tricks. The red herring is the queen of hearts - without that the elimination line would have been more obvious.

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By Philip Howard MATHESIS a. Mental discipline

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

London clubs

The new season of the Hamilton Russell League for London clubs is under way. In the first cup match Brooke's Club beat the Chelsea Aris Club by 412-12. The Arts Club, though, had the consolation of winning this game on board one, White: Barry Martin (Chelsea Arts Club)

Black: Martin Russell

(Brooke's Club) Hamilton Russell Cup League, London, October 1996 French Defence

(by transposition) Nr3 e5 Bd3 t0 cxd4 Ba3 26 Brc6 27 Fbc6 28 Kh2 29 Nbh7+ 30 Ob4+ 31 Qf8+ 32 Oxg7 Chrofi F/3 Ke7 Ke6 Kd7 Oc8 Ke7 Ko8 Oxg7 Oxh6 33 Oun6 34 On6+ 35 On8+ 36 Og? 37 Nr6+ Kd7

Diagram of final position 300

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Correction

Lord Kilbracken has wriften to point out that the diagram on Monday for the game Znosko-Borovsky --Silverman was missing the black knight on g4. This column welcomes games. comments and queries by readers. The best games will be published in The Times.

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Tilburg

After four rounds of the Frintys tournament in Tilburg. Holland, Alexci Shirov leads with three points, Britain's Michael Adams has two points, having defeated Judith Polgar in an 82-move marathon.

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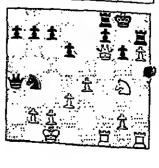
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MINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Krasnov — Averkin. USSR 1969. A question that could be asked in this position is how did the black rook get to the strange square h?? However, a more interesting question is how did White now finish his kingside attack in brilliant style?

Solution on page 50



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West Bromwich v Stoke (7.45) AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup. Swansea v Bristol City (2.0) Wimbledon v Portsmouth (at Pough Lane 2.0)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Pough Lane 2 0)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division. Derby v Sheffield Wednesday (** 0) First division: Covertry v Backpool (**) Middlesbrough v Sheffield Utd (** 0) Notis County v Preston (** 0.0) Second division: Hull v Stockport (** 0.0) Shravsbury v York (** 0.0). SCHEWFLX DRECT LEAGUE: Premier drusson: Bachwell v Mangotsleed, Briddocri v Odd Down, Brisington v Calne. LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier drusson: Brook House v Besconstield syricia.

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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Surbury Res v Watton (7-19). Sudouny Wanderers v Gorierton (7-19). Cupix First round: Downham v Great Yarmouth (7-19), lossisch Wanderers v Needham Market (7-19).

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JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division, Chrischurch v Thatcham, Cup: First round, second legt Aerostructures (2) v Potsmooth RN (1): Toton (3) v Whitchurch (1). Downton (5) v Cowes Sports (0) Pomboy (1) v Potersheld (5) UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier devision: Bourne v Stanflord Kempston v Stortold, N Spencer v Newport Pagnell NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Devisby v Huckney, Hotsam v Ashfield, Sheffield v Lhersedge & JOURNAL - HIGHLAND

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SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools International Triest. North West v North and North East (at Raddiffe Borough, 7 15; West Midlands v East Midlands (at Borough) West Midlands (at Borough) English Schools Fun Film Trophy: Second round, Bath v

East Comwall (at Beth Cay); Bedford v Brent (at Sectiond United), Southampton v Reading (at Sapiewood) London Cup: Susser v Kent (at The Saffrons). Inter-county under-16: West Yorkshire v Notersphamshire (at Ossett Albert, 7.15). RUGBY UNION Nick-off 70 unless stated

Heineken Cup Pool A Treviso v Dav Edinburgh v Pontypridd (af Myreside) Pool 8 Lensier v Lexcepte (at Lansdowne Road, 6 45). Scottish Borders v Llanelli (at Hawick)

Pool C Neath v Caledonia (7 30) Uister v Hariequins (at Ravental) Pool 0 Cardiff v Munster (7 15) Milan v Toulouse (7.30) European Conference

Agen v Montterrand (6.30) Glasgow v Sale (at Hughenden, 5.30) Newport v Newbridge . Pool B Duswant v Connects (7 15) . Northampton v Orret (7:30) . Toulon v Padova (6 0)

Pool D Ebbw Vale v Sworses Glourester v Bégles-Bordeaux (7.30) London Insh v Bourgoin (7.30)... RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Lancacher v Australi Aborginet: (et Leigh, 7,30)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: European Cup; London v Marc-Komend (Hunt (2.0). Budweiser Leegue: Crystal Polaco v Sheffield (8.0). Thames Valley v Berningham (8.0) SNOOKER, Grand Pro (in Bournemouth). SPEEDWAY: War of the Roses Challenger Hull v Beto Vuo (7.30). WORD-WATCHING

b. A sculptor's frame c. A rock plant LYFKIE b. A bodice a. An Egyptian goddess c. A Greek por

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RACING: OWNER HARBOURS DOUBTS ABOUT MELBOURNE TRIP

Lehane aware of pitfalls facing Oscar Schindler

BY OUN IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

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WHEN Oscar Schindler lines up for the Melbourne Cup no November 5. his owner Oliver Lehane's stomach will be knotted even tighter than usual. Knotted because Lehane is going against his instincts in sending the Irish St Leger winner and Arc third for Australia's greatest race.

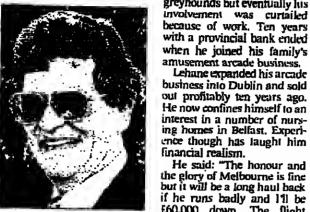
After Öscar Schindler strode past the Arc finishing post Lehane's immediate thoughts were of the Breeders' Cup in Toronto, an ideal chance to make his colt an international stallion prospect. He has been persuaded gainst that by Michael kinane and his trainer. Kevin Prendergast.

"I was told I was off my head going for the Breeders' Cup but I don't accept that," he said. "Helissio is not going to Canada and we would have been meeting the same horses as we did in the Arc. Australia is just not of the same significance in stud terms as the Breeders' Cup but I've given in to the pressure as I don't know enough about racing to argue." Lehane said.

Lehane is reluctant to go against his insoncts as they have served him well. The

Curragh based bachelor, 53, is now semi-retired but secure, having started his working life as a bank official. Self-made and a realist, he holds few illusions about racing, especially the difficulties facing the small owner.

"If I got out of horses now I



Lehane: realist

wouldn't miss it. Racing has never been a passion for me. It's just so difficult for the small owner. I'm lucky to have a good horse but it is also a worry. If I was offered the choice of playing golf with three pals or going racing there would be no contest, Lehane, who part-owned the

1989 Thyestes Chase winner, Olan Lad, said. He is keen however not to

sound like a moaner but realism is a word that keeps cropping up in conversation.

Brought up in the small town of Athy, Co Kildare, his first sporting interest was greyhounds but eventually his involvement was curtailed because of work. Ten years

when he joined his family's amusement arrade husiness Lehane expanded his arcade business into Dublin and sold out profitably ten years ago. He now confines himself to an interest in a number of nurs-ing homes in Belfast, Experience though has laught him financial realism.

He said: "The honour and the glory of Melbourne is fine but it will be a long haul back if he runs badly and 111 be £60,000 down. The flight alone will cost £48,000. The first prize in Melbourne, I believe, is £750,000, less 20 per cent for trainer and jockey and the £60,000 expenses, so that's around an 8-1 gamble on winning. That is more worry than excitement," he said.

Lehane confirms that no arrangement regarding expenses has been struck, but he is surprised that there is no

Oscar Schindler's stud future. "The offers so far have been ridiculous. I was offered

£500,000 recently and my reply was: 'Which leg do you want for that? It I can't sell him. I'll race him at five."

His experience has confirmed his belief that Flat racing at the top level is more business than sport, including securing the services of top jockeys. "I can't normally get the

Kinanes, the Dettoris or the Edderys of this world because they're all tied up so Kevin Prendergast and myself have ad to use the best available. This is a top-heavy game." But there are upsides too. Oscar Schindler has a devoted

taxi driver who has travelled to Paris and England this year to see every one of his races. "That's the nice part and inwardly I'm thrilled to see a horse I bred myself do so well." he said. Victory in Melbourne though would be more relief than exaltation.

following, including a Dublin

"Ultimately, people want honour and glory. I want the best for the horse and to make him more valuable, I've said I'm going and I'm going. Let's just hope we don't live to regret it," he said.



Eddery can afford to ease Showboat down after an impressive first appearance at Leicester yesterday

Showboat takes first step to stardom

ingsworth has produced a stream of high-class horses over four decades and Showboat looks another booked for stardom after an impressive debut victory at Leicester vesterday.

The crimson silks with silver braid have been carried with distinction by a succession of top-class performers, notably Buoy, the 1980 Oaks winner Bireme, Longboat, Pilot and Sea Anchor. Showboat dismissed his nine oppo-

nents in division two of the FRF Maiden Stakes with complete authority. Pat Eddery cruised to the front on the 2-1 chance two furlongs out and the son of Warning stormed clear.

to edge out Miss Riviera in a thrilling finish to the Fillies' Conditions Stakes. Coral yesterday took evasive action over Harbour Island for Saturday's

Eddery went on to complete a double when giving Questonia a powerful ride Tote Cesarewitch, cutting his price to

would be ridden by Frankie Dettori. Harbour Island, trained by Michael Stoute, was ridden by the reigning champion when a staying-on fourth behind Flocheck at Ascot last Friday. ☐ Sarah Lamb, the amateur rider, was taken to North Tees Hospital with concussion and suspected internal injuries after taking a heavy fall from Forever Shy at the first fence in the LBW Novices' Chase at Sedgefield yesterday.

16-1 (from 25-1) after it was revealed he

HAYDOCK PARK

1.30 Cationus 2.00 Myrmidon 3.30 HARBOUR DUES (nap) 4.30 Courtship

e Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 COURTSHIP. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Fiji. 3.30 MINDS MUSIC (nap).

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183	(10)			McKeener
104	(4)	В	MOONLIGHT WIVADER 20 (M AL Maldoury) E Durlop 9-0	W Ryan
105	į11		OUTFLANKER (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyarn 9-0	R Swinburg
106	(B)		RANUE (Mrs & Briterr) E Weymes 9-0	K Fallou
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	203			LEVELLED 7 (D.G) (Margein Ltd) M Channon 9-5 K Darley	85
	204			EXPRESS GIFL 35 (D.S) (P Agey) O Moltag 9-4 Darren Molfatt (3)	95
	.05			BLLENS LAD 19 (D.F.) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 9-4 . Dane D'Neill	98
	.06		455100	LUNAR MUSIC 16 (D.F) (Mrs P Barrall) M Moade 9-0 L Demon	98
	.07		86300	REGAL EQUITY 26 (A Holatssi) B Meetian 8-12	92
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	.09		656402	FINE TIMES 11 (Glasgow House Four) C Farturst 8-11 D McKeown	95
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	Z11		330	SODA 88 (M Burks Developments) T Barron 8-11	91
	212		441005	CHEROKEE FUSHT 16 (D.F) (P Leonard) Mrs. J Rossiden 8-16 K Fation	96
	213		6250	MANHATTAR DIAMOND 103 (B) (Mrs B Higgins) A Bailey 8-7 & Carter	87
	14		400	EXPECTATION 48 (I S Racing) P Webber 8-7 D Harrison	87
	215		362	HURGILL LADY 17 (Hurgill Lodge Partners) J Walts 8-7	00
	216	(16)	606006	SPARKLING HARRY 11 (B) (Mr.: L Skitchif) Mizs L Skitchil 8-6 G Hind	88
	17	(9)	501500	MOLLY DRUMMOND 18 (B.CO.S) IR Hughes Patners) W Elsey 8-6 M Bloch	89
	218		0000	WHY D SIX 19 (1) Rischiel R Fahry 8-5 J Charm	82
	119		144331	COME TOO MAMMA'S 67 (D.G) (J Brown) J Berry 8-3 . P Fessey (5)	800
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	21		353700	FULL TRACEABILITY 11 (D.G.) (Clarkon Biotev Ltd) J J DTNoël 7-11 M Cartiste	B3
	22	(14)	800	TRUE PERSPECTIVE 20 (7 Lock) J Bethell 7-10 D Whight (3)	83
B	EII	NG: 3-;	Hurght L	ady 5-1 Pine Times, 8-1 Ellens Lad. 7-1 Come Too Mamma's, 8-1 Mysmidon, our Mines. 15-1 others	

1996: CHARTERHOUSE XPRES 7-7 H Variey (20-1) M McCormack 11 ran FORM FOCUS ELENS (AD heat Shick Key Silce 34) in 8-minner handicap at Folicione 15, good to firmt.

LUNAR MUSIC best recent effort bast Melbourne Produces 5 in 8-minner selter at Missetburgh (5), und/1 Selt at More Repro had to 9-minner selter at Workshampton (AAM, 5).

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2.30 GALA CLUBS CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-0: £4.461: 1m 30yd) (7 runners)

1 FAHRIS 55 (7) (H Al Maisteum) H Thomson Jones 9-1 ... R Hills
1 SORCAGA 63 (6) (Sultan Al Naboen) J Duntop 9-1 ... I Sprake
1016 HOME ALONE 15 (D.F.) (D Armstage) J Gosdon 9-1 ... L Destort
1 SIMEER FOLLY 112 (F) (Al Maudium Pariners) P Cole 9-1 ... T Gunnn
1 ROYAL CROWN 15 (Arr.) Magnier P Chasple-Hyem 8-11 ... W R Swinburs
1 BINT ALBAA(IIYA 12 (6) (A Al Maisteum) M Steute 8-10 ... D Harmson
1 RJV 29 (D.F.) (F Sairman) H Cacil 8-16 ... Pat Eddery I Sprake & L Detion & T Cleans 9 BETTING: 11-4 Home Alone, 4-1 Sheer Folly, 9-7 Falms, Fili. 5-1 Gonzaga, 7-1 Biol Albandina, 20-1 Royal 1995: INCHRORY 9-7 Par Eddery 14-6 lavi H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS runner meiden at Nempton (71, good to firm), BMT ALBANDYA beal Stuffung Turke head in 12-runner maidon at Luopkeld (81, good), FUI beal Alphabel 1%) in 7-runner maden at Sandown (1m. good to FAHRIS best Another Night 3 in 7-numer maiden at Sainteury (71. limi). GONZAGA best Another Night neck in 11-numer maiden at Salisbury (71. good). HOME ALONE 3161 7th of 23 to Papus in

vakable race at Newmarket (71. good) SHEER FOLLY beat Eurolink Excaliber 1341 m 13- | Selection: Filti 3.00 TOMMY WALLIS HANDICAP (£4,085- 61) (24 runners)

SETTINGS, 6-1 French Gat, 7-1 Bee Health Boy, 6-1 Stuffed, 10-1 Obcron's Dart, Phone Suk, 17-1 Subdehome 1995: DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 5-8-16 W Ryan (8-1) P Feigate 24 cm

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neck in 8-numer handicap at Newmarket (61, good to soil) BARATO best FRENCH GRIT 13th bester oil) % of n 17-numer handicap at Nedeca (61, firm). SANEBRUSH ROLLER best recent elect 51 2nd 7 in My Gallery in handicap at Ayr 171, good to firm). Selection BARREL OF HOPE (nap) BARREL OF HOPE about 71 4th of 22 in Gamock.
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DART 33 2nd of 15 to Munskappa in handicap here
(71, gold). STUFFED 1/41 2nd of 23 to Gone
Sarage in handicap af York (51, gold). BEE
MEALTH BOY best recent effort beat Dan Peps

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course and distance winger. RF - heater course and distance vehicle. Bit—bester havouries in blass Jaces, Golfing or which house has won (F — farm, good to Term, hard, B — good, S — soll, good to soll, beauty). Owner to brackets, Trator, Age and weight, Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 KING'S REGIMENT CUP CONDITIONS STAKES

501	n	311635	KALABO 18 (D.F.S) (Godolphin) S bin Surror 4-9-10 L. Deftori 9	1 I
502	(8)	20-1030	JUYUSH 11T (D.F.S) (H Al Makenum) B Hals 49-8	4
503	[14]	0-21200	PRUSSIAN BLUE 46 (D.F.S) (I. Marinopoulos) H Cecil 4-9-8 W Ryen 80	5
504	(15)	130-014	MURALIA 60 (C.F.G.S) (H Al Mattourn) P Waleryn 4-9-6 R Hills Bi	8
506	(5)	21-3223	MINOS MUSIC 33 (D.BF, F, G) (Marches Family) H Cacil 4-9-2 Pat Eddery 9	8
506	(3)	0/05326-		- 1
507	(9)	6054-34	PENNY A DAY 179J (CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Good) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-2 _ K Darley 80	5
508	(4)	363-113	PURPLE SPLASH 147 (V.C.BF.G.S) (C Wallord) P Makin 6-9-2 A Clark GC	o l
509	(11)	225460	TEN PAST SIX 6 (C.F) (J Keuntsley) M Wane 4-9 2 D Mickeyson 75	4
516	.(1)	44-1134	HARBOUR DUES 56 (D.BF.F.S) (Heamonds Stud) Lady Hernes 3-8-11 R Cochrane But	4 1
511	(3)	41	MOHAWK RIVER 42 (G) (Sheith Mohammed) M Storte 3-8-11 W R Swinburg 70	ונ
512	(6)	1203	SUMMACR SPELL 53 (5) (W Robins) A Crustion 3-8-11 5 Sanders 98	
513	(12)	605520	DUAKERS RELD 18 (F.S) (K. Higana) & L. Manore 3-8-9 & Dutteld.	a l
514	(13)	436600	WEET-A-MINUTE 33 (F,G) (E Wastman) B Holdinshead 3-8 9 F Lynch (3) 94	
515	(10)	1-203	STORY LINE 16 (S) (Broughton Homes) B Hills 3-8-4 M Roberts 87	
BETT	16: 7-2		rsic, 9-2 Summer Spell, 5-7 Keleba, 6-1 Muraja, 8-1 Juyesh, 9-1 Harbour Dues, 10-1	

1995; SEBASTIAN 3-9-1 Pal Eddary (1-2 lav) H Cecil 6 fan - FORM FOCUS

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West 11/41 to 12-m 185yd, good) SUMMER SPELL 3%)
Sharaf Kabeer in Estad para at in Ed. good) with WEET-A-MINUTE) 9941 7th, OUAKERS FIELD 2951 2nd MDS MUSIC

4.00 BOOKER CASH AND CARRY FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,890: 1m 2l 120yd) (17 runners) 601 (5) 430251 DMARA 18 (F) (F Hinolosa) H Cocil 9-7

602	(8)	0-04250	ALICIA 48 (E Landi) J Dunlop 9-2 W R Swanburn	1
ED13	(110)		DANCE STAR 18 (F) (N Young) M Janus 8-1 Emma O'Gorman	- 1
604	(12)	400-060	MY MARIAM 70 (F) (G Madan Moban) C Egerton 9-1 R Hughes	- 1
605	(9)	442	KENTUCKY FALL 16 (Mrs E Green) Lady Herries 8-13 A Clark	1
506	16)		SPRICING SUN 20 (B) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-13 K Fallon	
607	[11)	3-43210	DIVINE 21 (BF,G) (Mrs J Shelfard) A Struct 8-12 M Roberts	- 1
608	(21)	440071	SWEETNESS HERSELF 11 (C.B.S) (Mrs. M Lauell) M Ryan 8-11 M Baird (5)	-
609	(3)	6050	POLISH RHYTHM 12 (6 Hubbard) M Torrolans 8-10 M Heavy (3)	1
610	Ö		CD SUPER TARGETING 17 (D.BF,6) (Chauter Dist) M Chimnes 8-9. K Darley	
611	(4)	010-380	WHISPERING DAVIN 14 (6.5) (W Porsonby) M Channot 8-8 J Carroll	-
612	ri7i	534000	MUA-TAB 42 (H AI Maktoum) P Waterm 8-5	-
613	(15)	100206	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNENG 29 (D.F) (R Simmons) Mrs & Waring 8-1 M Variey (3)	
614	(1)	004353	SCENICRES B (Mrs. C. Johnson) R Holleshead 8-0 F Lynch (3)	(
615	116	656000	REEM FEVER 22 (D Crordo) D Arbutimot 7-13	-
616	11.3)	060640	ALFAYZA 41 (F) (A Dahlawi) 3 Bethell 7-10 Mestin Dwyer (5)	-
617	114)	020000	ISLAY BROWN 19 (6) (A Strath) W Fisey 7-16 P Fessey (5)	1
ong	bande	ap: Altayza	7-2, Islay Brown 6-13	
FTT	NG: 4-1	Omara, 9-	2 Sorbino Sun, 5-1 Kentucky Fall, 11-2 Sciences, 6-1 Sweetness Hersell, 7-1 Dance	St

noma, 18-1 athers 1995: DEBUTANTE DAYS 8-10 M Roberts (10-1) A Stewart 16 ran

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OMARA beat KERTUCKY FALL (Bit batter off) 41 of 10-numer midden at Folkmetone (Im 11 145)rd, opport to firm). ALICIA best effort, neck 2nd of 7 to Lalindi in standicap best 11 of 40, good in soil) DANICE STAR 7/41 4th of 9 to Namoschy in handical over course- and distance (good), KERTUCKY FALL 344 4th of 14 to Rusy in maden at Sandown (Im, good) on positimate sart with POLISK RHYTHIRI (3th better off) short-head 5th, SINKING SUK 11 3nd of 8 to	Lady Of Leisune in cated states at Frontelland (for 21, good to firm) DVME beat vandoum Ove 10th in 6-namer masiden auction at Hamilton III m 31, good) on penultimate : Jan. SWE-TRUES HERSELF completed double, beat Bamp in Innuible next in 30-namer apprentice hamilicap here (Inn 8, solt) SCENICTIS nect, and head 3rd of 12 in Mets Baby in handicap at Posteriact Inn. good). Selection: KENTUCKY FALL

4.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HAWTHORN MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-0: £3,144: 7f 30yd) (11 runners) 50 AS-IS 18 (R Robinson) M Johnston 9-0

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3	(4)	2	COURTSHIP 13 (BF) (H de Walden) H Cack 9-0 Pat Eddery	, 9
ă	130	_	SEKARI (Sheith Mohammet) D Loder 9-0 L Destor	
5	ίΪι	6	ATNAB 12 (H A) Abdracom) P Waltern 8-9 R Has	
6	m	-	CHARLUTTE'S DANCER (Carry On Racing) M Meagher 8-9 J Forture	
7	110)	06	CUEINA 14 (Niles & Sante) & Balding 6-9 S Drowne	. 0
6	(11)		MOCCASIN 162 (P Webber) P Webber 8-9 R Perham	
ğ		ÿ	MY VALENTINA 26 (D Cear) B Hitls 8-9	
ŧÓ	(5)	-	TOU TOU (D Growin) D Arbothnor 8-9	
11	. (9)	•	VENETIAN SCENE 135 (R Green) P Cole 8-9 T Quint	. 8
BETTE	ME: 5-	2 My Valer	nora, 8-1 Seicari, 100-30 Countetrip, 11-2 Curgina, 8-1 Almab, Barresbo, 10-1. Ve	gaha.
	12-1			
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good). CLISINIA about 51 6th of 19 to Entice in marden at Salisbury (71, good to coft). MY VALENTINIA 291 290 of 9 to bravie in conditions race at Newbury (71, good to firm). VENETUAL SCHIE 41/4 (3rd of 5 to Comme in marden at Leuzester (51, good to firm). Selection: COURTSMEP COURTISHEP 1 M 2nd of 16 to Masshiaer in maden at Neumaniet (7), good to lism). SERARI (loated Jan 10) Second, toat, tail-brother by Polish Pracedent to useful purpose 7) wanter Hidden Ca-sc; darn, sister to Gone West and Lion Cavern, dard sprint winner in North America. ATMAE 441 6th of 12 to Biot Attacking to maden at Linglield (6).

5.00 HOLLY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,792: 1m 3t 200yd) (16 runners)

1995; RICHELEU 3-8-11 W Ayen (6-1) H Cept 19 ran

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BETTIMG: 3-1 VALS, 100-30 Calo Stat, 11-2 Beckstern, 5-1 Stat Ol Stone, 6-1 Heart, 7-1 Clemente, 8-1 Clemente

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		LUCKY BEA 19F M W Easterby 18-12 N Williamson	_
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	D	PHANTOM DANCER 32 M Sowersby 10-12 D Parker	_
	_	PHANTOM HATE 636 No. S Holl 10-12 M Rentley	_
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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

9-4 Direct Route, 3-1 Prizeloptier, 7-2 Dane wen, 3-1 b Samustato, 8-1 Shinong Edge, 18-7 Rou Du Nord, 50-1 Tip II in

EXETER

THUNDERER 2.10 Buglet. 2.40 Trail Boss. 3.10 Pongo Wering. 3.40 Shahrani. 4.10 Bishops Castle. 4.40 Out Ranking. 5.10 Kesanta.

2.10 DEAN & DYBALL CONDITIONAL JUCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,829: 2m 3f) (10 runners)

2.40 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,306: 2m 3i) (13)

1-2 Courbani, 7-2 Sigma Run. 6-1 Crown Ivory, 10-1 Rom Customer, 12-1 Bite The Bullet, Yeal Boss, 16-1 others

3.10 DEAN & DYBALL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices chase: £3,759: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

6-4 Pango Warng, 3-1 Cer Niklu, 7-2 Westerly Gale, 6-1 Emerald Knight, 6-1 Dubullo, 12-1 Fizzio Island, 20-1 The Lesi Micaress.

3.50 GORDON FOSTER HANDICAP CHASE

1 24-1 GLENOT 10 (D.F.G.S) N Buley 8-17-0 J Ochome 97 2 500- MASTER BOSTOM 180 (CD.G.S) R Woodnase 8-11-91. Wyer (E) 3 300- DE JOSZUAN 163 (C.F.G) W Committeen 9-10-9 N WINSTERNON 95 4 122- EPIERAL COMMAND 211 (F.G.S & Richards 8-10-7 R Dummody 97 5 470: CNOSS CANION 15 (F.G. J Waster 10-18-7 . A Magnin 95 6 F2-3 LOCHMAGRAN 131 (D.F.G.S) Mrs. M Reveley 8-10-3 . P Nivon 97 7-4 General Command, 2-1 Glernot, 4-1 Lochmagram, 6-1 Master Boston, 12-1 Cross Carmon, 16-1 De Jordan

4.20 HALLFIELD NOVICES HURDLE

(£3,108: 2m 4f 110yd) (17)

3-1 Highbeath, 4-1 Antarctic Wind, 5-f Share Options, 6-1 Fluis Out The Rest, 7-1 Engolo Rufo, 8-1 Charley Lambert, 16-1 others

4.50 ASKHAM RICHARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,227; Sm 11) (8)

4-5 Smart Appurach, 4-1 Pebble Beach, 7-1 Ligie Tinchure, Garbu's Boy, 8-1 Mrs. Robinson, 14-1 Heddon Haugh, 20-1 orbars.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WETHERBY: Trahear: 1 Existsty, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30 8%, Mrs M Revelty, 44 from 152, 28,9%, 6 Richards, 24 from 105, 22.9%; I Johnson, 13 from 70, 185%; J Eyrs, 3 from 21, 143%, R Woodnaers, 9 from 22, 136% Jordwys E Catlagton, 5 winners from 18 rides, 27 8%; P Whon, 41 from 158, 25.8%, A Maguim, 18 from 71, 25 4%; L Wyr., 36 from 148, 24 5%, R Dumenody, 4 from 19, 21 1%; A Dobbia, 14 from 82, 17 f%.

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: H Croot, 23 wheres from 62 numers, 37 15, 5 batton, 3 kom 10, 30 0%, 8 bleedse, 3 form 11, 27 3%, R Falley, 3 from 13, 22 1%, J batton, 28 from 124, 22 5%, 9 Chapter Hyan, 9, 35, 22 2%, Jackeys: Pat Edday, 27 winners from 97 notes, 31.0%, M Bard, 3 from 13, 23 1%, W Ryen, 33 from 146, 22.5%, W R Swedum, 17, 15 tom 57, 11 1%; N Varley, 4 from 16, 21 1%; 7 Sprake, 9 from 44, 20.5%

3.40 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN DLDIES STAKES (£1,502: 1m 5t) (9)

T-3 Statisani, S-1 Calogan, 8-1 Risky Rose, 10-1 Bright Sapphire, 12-1 Saati, My Harvinsia, 14-1 others

4.10 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,235: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

4-5 Behops Cacile, 3-7 Charlateddy, 8-1 bloom, 7-1 Speedy Snapsgem, 8-1 Tango s Delight, 16-1 i Remember You, 33-1 Laura Lyd

4.40 DEAN & DYBALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,717. 2m 1l 110yd) (4)

1 114- CRACK ON 272 (D.B.S) P Hobes 8-12-0 A P McCov 2 3111 OUT RANGING 14 (CD.F.B.S) M Pige 4-11-13 C Moude 3 -216 ECHO OF JANEST 16 (G) A Notice 4-11-13 Mr G Skedion (7) 4 6632 UTTLE HODLIGAN 14 (B.CD) G Extends 5-10-0 Mr R Thomason (7) 11-10 Old Rankovo, 7-4 Charl On, 6-1 Links Hookload, 8-1 Echo De Larrer 5.10 DEAN & DYBALL MARES ONLY NOVICES

HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,169: 2m 1i 110yd) (8)

9-4 Indian Crown, 11-4 Azzanta, 4-1 Lzzi Lzogh, 5-1 Dragonmist, 8-1 Burti Senna, 8-1 Hydemda, 20-1 others **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRANERS: Mess H Amph, 28 womers from 81 numers 34 6%, J Edwards, 3 from 10 30 0% N Henderson, 6 from 21, 28 6%; M Pipe, 70 from 255, 27 5% R Rosse, 3 from 11, 21 3%. JOCKEYS: J Tidey, 7 minners from 30 rides, 23.3% A P McCoy 13 from 72, 18,1%, M A Fitzgerald, 16 from 93, 17.2%, J Ratiton, 4 from 24, 16.7%; E Harvey, 9 from 62, 14.5%, P Henley, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

Weaver loses appeal against suspension

JASON WEAVER became the first jockey to have a suspended sentence activated under the Jockey Chab's new disciplinary code when he lost an appeal against his latest riding ban yesterday.

He will miss the Cesarewitch meeting at Newmarket, which starts lomorrow, because of the nine days confirmed by the disciplinary committee, taking his total of bans to 42 days for the year.

Weaver was found guilty of irresponsible riding on Shirley Sue at Pontefract on October 7, collecting a four-day suspension that activated the five days that had been deferred seven weeks earlier.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Leicester

Soing: good to firm, imm in beek, straight

1.30 (719 vd) 1, ATTITUDE (C Butter, 14-1); 2, River's Source (Pat Eddery, 4-9 lav); 3, Astrioon Peter (W R Swirtburn, 8-1); ALSO RAN 9-2 Febled Light (8th), 20 Cold Sizel (5th), 25 Bouser, 30 Doc Ryan's, 50 Back (6th), 25 Bouser, 30 Doc Ryan's, 50 Back (7th), Socies, Mélody 10 ran NR, Herkey, 3, 51, 154, 154, 21 H Candy, 10 for Et 20, 22-60, ct) 00, 51 60

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3. Monocco (A Eddery, 7-1 Julea), 4. Eur. J. Migham, 14-1; 4.15.0 RAM: 12-2; Yer Father, Rol De La Mer (Stri), 8 E-Poet Dawn, 10 Duo Macter, Cucr Stamon, 11 First Gold, 12 Speedy; Pride, 14 Chemring Bode, Super Waders Dream (Rth) 33 Jeries Gef, 50 Dommon, Straight Thribing (B. Jah Galkes, Melermen 4. Jul. 11-1, 11-1, Neucombe Toter E790, E14, 023-00. Tot E214-30 C106-74 Threats E702-83 Sention 14-218-did 1-RVAI, BRUIL CT. 8 Sention 14-218-did 1-RVAI, BRUIL CT. 8 Sention 14-218-did 1-RVAI, BRUIL CT. 8 Sention 14-218-did 1-RVAI, BRUIL CT. 8

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3.30 (1m it 128)di 1, RIVAL BID (C Tesque, 11-11; 2, Giffborr (E Dutilled, 12-11; 3, Blurred (R Hile, 9-1); 4, General Herren Li Wesver, 14-11 ALSO HAN* 5-1 lav Harrey White. 15-2 Nosey Name, Flairsum Plus, 8 Tempirots, 16 Amery Alaysadi (eith, 12 Roman Ress, 14 Alon Alventa, 16 Coccos Adventa, 16 Access Adventa, 16 (bt), 20 Action, Jackson, Two Socts, 25 Renasta 9 Prince, 33 Willy Star 77 ran NR Rubblyal, Wel Patch 14-1, 3h hd, 17-1, 15-1, 21-1, Men N. Mecculey Tote E8 10. E1 70. 270, 62.80, 68 30 DF C71 80 Tro C509 90 CSP- E136 44 Tricest E1,167 79 4.00 (1m 3/183)vd) 1, TE AMO (S Sanders, 7-2), 2, Loki (A Wheten, 5-2 Javi; 3, McGillycaddy Bealls (W Ryan; 20-1) ALSO RAN: 7 Baron Hrabovsky, 8 Shabanaz (8th), 10 Haute Cuisme, 12 Chancancook, 14 Hand Of Straw, 16 Milliown Clessic, Roce Of Glern (5th), 20 Tarvyer (4th), 25 Celchury, Shurtle-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AIR WING (3.00 Haydock Park) Next best: Fiji (2.30 Haydock Park)

cock, 23 Aydigo, Northern Sana, Rockuss, 50 Biance's Son, Durston Anighi, Hadder, Pre-cloue Island 20 ran, NF Custayyed Welcome 18th, 42 St. 2, 51 R Avertural Tote 55,00; 51 90, 51 90, 52 90 DF C4 50 Tho E48 30 CSF (51 7) AUSTONIA (Pat Eddery, 11-8); 2, Miss Riviers (M. Hills, 5-4 Lox), Salesemeth (R. Hills, 5-1) ALSO RAN 20 Destan Derrote 14th, 100 Condition Red (5th) 5 ran, Hd, 81, 91, 92 H Cecil Tote (52.0), 51 40, 51 10 DF C3 30 CSF (53.3), 600 Hills 840 L CH CF C3 CSF (53.3) 51 40, £1 10 DF £1 30 CSF £3 31 50.00 jim 8yd) 1, OUR PEOPLE JJ Weavet, 5-11; 2, Michael Venture (k. Dortey, 33-1; 3, Deep Watter (7 Quinn, 9-4 fay) ALSO RAN, 11; 3 Spenish Knor (5th), 10 Stech, 20 High Ch Life, 5 Beauchamp Lion, Near Dancer, Warthal Nashwan, 33 Protocol 12 ian, NR Pinchincha 41, 11, 39-1, 41, 67 M Johnston Iota, £7 00, £2 10, £12 60, £110, DF £133 30 Tillo £273 20, CSF £138.03 Jackpot: Not won — pool of £2,383.22 carried toward to Haydock loday.
Placepot: £182.70. Ouedpot: £23.90.

Sedgefield

George good to firm
2,15 (2m. 54f hote) 1, Red Jum Jar (G Cshul,
7-2), 2, Classic Crest (10-1), 3, Shelton Abbey
(9-2) 9 ran 2, St. 8 64f. Tole 23 90, £1 70,
22 10, £1 50 DF, £27 90 Troy £25 10 CSF
£22 41 Tricast: £122 63
£45 [2m. 11 hote) 1, Clover Gin (G Cshill, 5-1),
2, Fan Terner (11-2), 3, Marcden Rook (7-2)
Simand 5-2 lev 10 ran 11-1, ris. B. Ebson
Tote £5 10, £1-40, £3.00, £2.00. DF £22.00
Tricy 46.50 CSF £30.70. Tricast: £39 88,
3,15 £2m. 6-34 hote) 1. Clover George. 115 (2m 5½) hole) 1. Chem Edge (E. Husbend, 15-2), 2, Notable Exception (2-1 fav); 3, Scarbo (5-1) 7 ran. 9, 51 J Macket Tole, 26.50, 21.70, 21.70 DF (28.80 CSF-); 22.22. 23.45 (2m 110yd chj 1, Chrusation (D Walsh, 12-11, 2, Thunderstruck I11-2), 3, Beldine (7-4 tav) 5 rap. 1 14, 191, D McCain, Tota: \$12.30; \$2.00, \$3.50. DF: \$17.10. CSF. \$59.00

25 (0, 53 6), 05 (27), 10, 52 (25), 25), 10, 14, 15 (3n 3) (ch) 1, jenden (G Cahl), 16-1); 2, The Gallopin major (13-8 tar); 3, Grand Scanery (7-2), 7 ran, NR, Woodlands Genhve, NR, 21 8 Elison, Tote, 179 90; 58 10, 122 0 DF 520,70 CSF (24), 03, Tecast, 5106,31 DF-520.70 CSF (\$41.03 Frocast, \$108.3) 4.45 (23m.ch) 1, Le Dernstan (F Rece, 20-1); 2, Blue Charm (5-6 law), 3, Val De Rama (7-2) 16 lan. 1-14, 81 Tole: \$17.80; \$4.60; \$1.70; \$1.90 DF-529.60, Inc. \$19.50 GSF, \$28.69 5.15 (2m II fiel) 1, Durnid [R Guest, 4-7 Law), 2, Big Ports, (9-1); 3, Gazzmati 12-11 9 lan 2-4, Vil D Smith, Tole: \$1.90; \$1.00, \$25.80, \$2.70 DF-\$19.30 Tol. \$10.20, \$35.90; \$1.90 DF-\$19.30 Tol. \$10.20, \$35.90; \$1.90 DF-\$14.90 Descripts \$24.10. Placepot. £142.00. Quadpot: £24.10



David Powell meets a former junior champion for whom tennis is history

Baily happy with no strings attached

year 2000, about his interview on Sportsnight with Des Lynam, about how Sky News

cameras turned up at his home in Curdridge, Hamp-

shire, after his victory in Melbourne to film him on the

family tennis court. "I am completely indistinguishable from any other student," Baily

Baily has not a single racket

with him at university, has not even joined the tennis society.

"I would rather spend my time

doing absolutely anything else," he said. "I have joined

the German society, and the Irish society, and I was think-ing of joining the Morris dancing club." He gives ten-

nis, and tennis people, hardly

When was your last tourna-ment? "About August 1994."

When was the last time you

picked up a racket? Two or

three months ago, at home with my girlfriend." And the last time you went to watch a match? "Oh God [pauses] — over a year ago, I cannot remember who I watched. I

think I went for the strawberries and cream and to bump

The last time you watched tennis on television? That

would have been Henman at

Ah, Henman at Wimbledon. So, do we hear Baily singing "Could've been me"? No, we

do not. Baily insists. "I used to play him a lot," he recalled. We both started off at the David Lloyd Tennis School and I was in a three-man squad: myself, him and [Jamie] Delgado. I cannot

remember losing to him but I

beat him all the time but it takes so many other factors [to reach the top -- hard work

about it. There was no jealou-sy or envy, which would have been a sign of regret."

Within weeks of his triumph

in Australia, Baily became increasingly aware that he

lacked the drive evident in

Henman now. He dropped out

of tennis in 1994, aged 19. "1

had been questioning myself

and my future on and off for a

year, thinking: 'Am I doing the

right thing? Am I a monoma-

languages through my years

as a tennis player and through

my travel. Tennis had been a

way of life since the age of 12. I

got coaching when I was seven

and played my first tourna-

ment when I was eight. I only

had one shot at life. It was time

I'm ever so pleased I have

had the experience, particular-

to try something else.

"f developed an interest in

niac? I thought I was.

"I would have expected to

into a few old friends."

Wimbledon.

must have done.

a moment's thought

said. Proud of it, too.

n the week that Tim Henman achieved the highest world ranking by a British male tennis player for 12 years, and Greg Rusedski struck the fastest recorded service on his way to winning the Beijing Open. James Baily did nothing to merit a newspaper headline. Not like three years ago. Not that he cared.

Baily's week started with his first day on a languages degree course at Bristol University which, though not a media event, at least opened a new chapter in his life. "Any regrets?" was the key question to Baily, who abandoned a potentially lucrative and glamorous career in professional tennis, mainly because he feared he was a monomaniac.

His reply, delivered with no more time to think than a service return, was a decisive "no". Other reasons for quit-ting? "I did not feel I had achieved everything I wanted but I felt stagnant," he said. "I did not want to go through the daily labour of training, strict diet, lack of intellectual stimulation, always early to bed.

early up." In 1993, Baily became the first British boy for 28 years to win a junior grand-slam championship, taking the Aus-tralian title in Melbourne. "World beater" was one nat-ional headline, "heir apparent" another. Defeating Hen-



man, as he used to, seemed nothing by comparison with holding up a trophy on which were inscribed the names of Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall. John Newcombe and Stefan

It seems more appropriate now to record that also on the trophy were the names of Jorgen Windahl and Geoff Whitecross. They, too, never delivered on that early prom-ise. Baily's neat fair hair has given way to shoulder-length, untidy brown locks. His smart, immaculate, sponsored kit has been replaced by

scruffy student clothing.
Baily, still only 2!, has kept
quiet at university about his
tennis past, about how William Hill offered him at 100-1 to win Wimbledon before the

TOMORROW

A sprint sensation who has joined the dole queue

TVI



Triumphant in Melbourne in 1993, Baily turned his back on tennis the next year

and the dedication of abstaining from so many aspects of life. It would not have been ly the travel, meeting people, and the experience of other possible to succeed with my nental attitude." cultures, the elation of winurely some small rening and the depths of despair gret, when you watchof injury and loss. The idea of Henman at doing French and German is Wimbledon, that you to immerse myself in their had not at least stuck at it society, culture and language, longer? "I did not even think and to come out with a more

informed view than the native would have." Lloyd is among those proved wrong, "I think he will make it," Lloyd said in 1993, noting Baily's "enormous" forehand. Lloyd added that it was "frightening" how the British press so wanted a champion, but Baily was not frightened off. "I was quite nonchalant as far as press coverage was concerned," Baily said. "It did not put

pressure on me." He has four years ahead of him at university. Then what? He could call on former tennis contacts to provide him with work, using his languages in marketing or management. "I would rather not do that," he said. "I would rather find something completely new." Anyone for tennis? Not Baily. Anything but tennis.



Now a student, Baily has no regrets about his decision

SNOOKER: POLITICAL WRANGLING OVERSHADOWS START OF GRAND PRIX

Doyle calls for Spencer to stand down

POLITICAL in-fighting in professional snooker is hardly a new phenomenon, but even the most staunch supporter of the game's governing body would find it difficult to deny that an unusual ground swell of dissatisfaction exists at present

Critics of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA). of which there are many, have grown increasingly frustrated over a number of issues, including the ranking system, organisational errors and a lack of sponsorship for two ol the premier events on the circuit.

The Grand Prix, the first domestic tournament of the season, which carries a world-ranking point tariff, begins its tenday run at the Bournemouth Internation-

four events per season, it was generally assumed that the Grand Prix, and the United Kingdom championship, which takes place at Preston next month, would be attractive propositions for potential sponsors.

Yet, despite viewing figures which

remain the envy of most sports, and more prime-time programme slots, the total prize-money of £330,000 on offer at the Grand Prix will be drawn from WPBSA

The WPBSA pleads shortage of time since signing the BBC contract and an unwillingness to sell the events for less than it considers them to be worth. But Ian Doyle, manager of Stephen Hendry, the defending Grand Prix champion, has publicly stated that he believes John Spencer, the WPBSA chairman, should 'move over", and that a "proper management structure" should be put in place.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 48 LASTAGE

(a) A toll payable by traders attending fairs and markets, from the medieval Latin lestagium. Connected with last meaning a commercial denomination of weight. That all the citizens of London be quit of toll and lastage.

(b) A unit of weight anciently used in Western Asia, Greece and Egypt. Probably originally a Babylonian word. The Greeks had a second pound of 16 physical ounces, called the mna or

MATHESIS

(a) Mental discipline: learning or science, especially mathematical science. From the Greek mathesis action of learning, from the root of manthdnein to learn. "They can make immense progress in the infinite fields of mathesis."

(b) A bodice. From the Dutch lij/ken "corpusculum, subucula, exomis". Lyly. Euphues 1879: "Their spots, their lawnes, their leefekyes, their ruffes, their rings:/ Shew them rather Cardinalls curtisans then modest Matrons."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE t Qg7+! Rxg7 2 Nf6+ Kh8 3 hxg7+ Kxg7 4 Rh7 checkmate

Still a long way to go

BADIO CHOICE

Paul Neuburg hit upon an effective way to chart the erratic progress. Hungary made towards normalisation after Soviet tanks crushed the 1956 revolution. He decided against the easy option of quoting dubiously-reliable statistics and newspaper headlines. Instead, he returned to his native city of Budapesi and looked up old classmales who had stayed behind when he fled to Britain after the Soviet invasion. Through their eves we see the changes that took place in who had stayed behind when he fled to Britain after the Soviet invasion. Through their eyes we see the changes that took place in Hungary's fortunes up to 1989, when the Communist regime collapsed, and learn what state the nation is now in. It is a grey picture. The present generation of Hungarians is unlikely to see a return to the good life. The next generation could have better luck.

Treasure Islands. Radio 4, 2.45pm.

And so Winnie the Pooh is 70 years old. By extension, therefore, so are Christopher Robin. Eeyore, Piglet. Tigger and the rest of the cast of A. A. Milne's stender tales. Chris Powling celebrates the birthday with this brief — too brief, surely — tribute. Taking his cue from a psychologist, Nicholas Tucker, who believes that every Milne creation reflects a different side of our own natures. Powling defines the proposition of the proposition of the composition of th himself as Piglet (timid) with pronounced Tigger tendencies (unspecified). Alan Bennett's matchiess readings of the stories mark him out as the only man alive whose voicebox accommodates every Peter Davalle

6.30em Merk Radciffle, includes Newsbeet 9.00 Simon Mayo, includes the Golden Hour and Confessions 12.00 the Golden Hour and Confessions 12.00 Lisa l'Anson, includes Newsbeel 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, includes at 5.30 Newsbeel 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whiley. Includes more tracks from Gene and Tiger in session 9.00 Bits from Last Week's Radio 10.00 John Peel, with guest star Stuari Maconile 12.00 Clare Sturgess 4.00em Clive Warren, with the Early Breakdest Show

8.00em Marin Keiner 7.30 Weise Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Vincent Hanna 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Chns Serie 7.00 Jim Lloyd 8.00 Cajun Chubhouse (1/4) 8.30 Young Tradition Showcass 96 9.00 Mappregor's Banks and Braes 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05 mm Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

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WORLD SERVICE

5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Megarnh 8.15 Oil the Shell 8.30 Discovery 9.00 News In German 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 Business 10.15 Andy Karshaw 10.45 Sport 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Oif the Shell 12.30pm Thirty-Minute Drama 1.00 News In German 1.30 Composer of the Month 3.05 Cuttook 3.30 Megarnir 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News In German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britem Today 6.35 World Today 6.15 Science View 8.30 News In German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Discovery 9.05 Cuttook 9.25 World 5.30 Multitrack 10.05 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Mendan 11.30 World Today 10.30 Mendan 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10am Science View 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Cuttook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.30 Mendan 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00em Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Sarpors Zouppin Luticagner Concerto, Haydin (Trumpet Concerto In E flat) 3,00 Jernie Crick 6,00 Newsnight 6,30 Sonata In 25 major, Op 17) 7,00 Gardening Forum Na. 8,00 Evening Concert. Debussy (Pre-lude a l'Apres-Midi d'un Faune); Boietdieu (Harp Concerto In C); Dussek Martin Scotte In R. 814, On 24, No. 29. Charp Sonata in B flat, Op 34 No 2); Rodrigo (Harp Concerto-Serenade); Gliere (Harp Concerto, Op 74) 10,00 Michael Mappin 1,00em Mel Cooper

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6.00cm Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Expenence 9,00 Richard Skinner 12,00 Grahem Dene 4,00pm Nicky Horne 7,00 Paul Coyle (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10,00 Mark Forrest 2,00cm Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air. includes Defius (Brigg Fair); Beethoven (String Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No, Rasumovsky); Stravinsky (Patrushka, 1947

version) 9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Telemann (Sonata in Eminor); Wolf (Italian

Serenade); Dvořák (Symphonic Variations) 10.00 Musical Encounters includes J.F.C. Bach (Trio Sonata in F); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C. K503); 12.00 Composer of the Week; Franck, Richard Lengham Smith talks to the planist

Franck, Richard Langham Smith taiks to the planist Stephen Hough about his approach to Franck's music 1.00pm News; Concert Held, Live from the Wigmore Hall, London, Prazak Quartet. Dvolišk (Terzetto in C, Op 74); Smetans (String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From My Life) 2.00 Mildweek Choles: 0171-765.
4308, Ring Susan Sharpe with your request by lunchtime for the chance to hear it today, includes Amold (Little Suite No 1, Op 80); Furtwängler (Symphonic Dialogue, Symphonic Concerto)
4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from Rochester Cathedral, Director of music Roger Sayes, essistant organist William Whitehead
5.00 Music Machine, Tommy Pearson investigates the art of plane tuning 5.15 in Tune, Anthony Burton introduces a Carrish edition which includes Nielsen (Wind Quintet) and Vagn Holmboe (Symphony No 13)

7.30 Bruckner season: A Grand, Mysterious Harmony: An Unplayable Symphony? Stephen Johnson explores Anton Bruckner including a survey of Symphony No 2 in C minor performed here by the Ulsier Orchestra, under John Carewe, The programme includes contributions from William Carragan and Otto Biba who

discuss the various versions of this symphony and the approach of different editors 9.00 Five Poems for 50 Years: The Wind Dog. In a week conspecially commissioned new works. Tom Paulin reads this poem, an autobiography in sound, ranging from bomb blasts in Bellast to the sound

of someone wearing hobnailed boots walking 9.20 A Venetien Harpsichord Fabio Bonizzoni plays e 1871 harpsichord by Vit Trasuntino, one of the most revered Italian instrument makers. The programme includes works by Cima, Gabrieli and Picchi

10.00 Volcas: Boje Skovitus. The second of the programme in

second of two programmes in which the Danish barilone sings settings of texts by Henrich Heine 10.45 Night Waves: Battle for the Books. Tony Palmer Invites Paul Bailey, Tom Paulin and Tim Waterstone to pick their favourite books.

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11.30 Composer of the Week:
Smetana (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Through the Night, with
Donald Macleod

captains (r)

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts, with John Wate and his learn of

rivestigators 7.45 Where is 1956? See Choice

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9.00 Bodies of Evidence. Tony

Robinson meets the scientific sleuths investigating the amazingly well-preserved remains of the Bog People and a 5,000-year-old ice man (3/3)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Brefing 5.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Times columnist Libby Purves 10.00 News; Return to Sender (FM). The last of six audio letters. A son who was put up

ietters. A son who was put up for adoption corresponds with his natural mother (6/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour
11.30 Gerdeners' Cuestion Time, with Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Colvil and Soames.
Christopher Lee's new mystery drama. Staming Christopher Benjamin, Amanda Redman and Dudley Sutton 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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11.00 My Booze Hell, by Little
Johnny Cartilage. Written by
and staring Johnny Meres
With Dr Anthory Clare, Ben
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Geoff McGivern, Rosemary
Martin and Deborah Berfin
11.15 1690 and All That (1/3)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
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Written and performed by
Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford
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Geraldine Fitzgerald and
Manchy Knight
12.00 News 12.30am The Late
Book, Primary Colors, Readby Clarke Peters (3/10)
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al Centre this morning without any corporate financial backing.
In April, when the BBC signed a five-year contract with the WPBSA to cover

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Leading contenders slow to find form

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN PETALING JAYA, MALAYSIA

DISAPPOINTMENT in the Perrier World Open Championship last week has obviously left some psychological baggage with the leading contenders. Both Cassandra Jackman, of England, and Michelle Martin, of Australia, were extended, surprisingly, to five games on the second qualifying day of the world team championship here

vesterday. Jackman, leading the line in an eventual 3-0 win over Holland, played with some authority against Vanessa Atkinson until she reached 6-0 in the second game, having won the first 9-4.

She then seemed to lose interest, triggering a deter-mined attack from the Dutch woman, who lost that game marginally but took the next two on tie breaks, despile an

England match ball at 8-6 in the fourth. Jackman won 9-4. 9-6. 3-10. 8-10. 9-2 in 59 minutes and, with Suzanne Horner and Fiona Geaves both winning, England con-firmed their lead in pool B.

Martin, the triple world champion, whose defence was unexpectedly ended in the individual quarter-finals last Friday, yesterday found her-self 0-5 down in the fifth game against Claire Nitch, the South African first-string, before stiffening her resolve to get home 9-0, 9-4, 4-9, 2-9, 9-6.

Sarah FitzGerald, the new world champion, needed just 16 minutes to add the second rubber and Carol Owens contributed the third-string rubber to leave Australia leading

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Enduring dignity amid devastating grief

nn Friday, October 21, 1966? Me, I was coming out of primary school assembly. In all likelihood we had just sung All Things Bright and Beautiful just as they had in the village school in Aberfan. My day carried on as normal. Theirs did nm.

At an age when the scale of the disaster was way beyond my comprehension, my recollection of the immediate aftermath is of remembering the children who had died in morning prayers and sending our pocket money to the Disaster Fund. At that age, it would have seemed perfectly sensible to me that money from the fund, rather than the Coal Board, was used to level the remaining tips. After watching last night's immensely moving Timewatch: Remember Aberfan (BBC2) it seems outrageous.

In recent years it has become almost a term of derision to refer to

I here were you at 9.15am the people of South Wales as natural orators. But last night. survivors, parents and teachers talked about the morning that reshaped their lives with a dignified eloquence that was astounding. As the camera's attention passed from une to another in modern documentary style, it took a while for each personal tragedy to emerge. But emerge they did, quietly and powerfully — a sun here, a daughter there, a best friend, a group of chums who used to go swimming together on Sunday morning, an entire foot-ball team: Ito children, five teach-

> Modern footage of children playing happily in the streets contrasted with the accounts of those who survived, but lost all their friends. Now all nearing 40, one recalled how his buyhoud. shock of blund hair made him easier to find and how he was

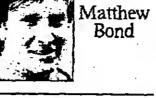
ers and 23 other adults.

... because he had lost his new felt-tip pens. Another recalled wigpling her lingers through the inkwell to show her rescuers she was alive and then crying because she had lost one of her shoes.

ne heart-stopping moment came during an interview with the Rev Kenneth Hayes, who described how he "switched over to pastoral work" after local miners arrived to take over the digging. Among the duties he took on was estimating the casunities, which press reports had put ar more than 200 but which his knowledge of class size together with some "rough and ready arithmetic" had at 150. He was six nut.

There was no way the numbers could add up to 200 - that was the point," he said with the pride of one used to getting his sums right. There was a short pause before a easier to find and how he was voice from behind the camera pulled from the debris weeping asked: "But you yourself lost a

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child?" Another pause. Yes. yes...he was here in one of the classes i spoke about."

If Catrine Clay's film had a fault it was, conceivably, that it was a somewhat sanitised version of events. Surely not everybody in Aberian had borne their loss with the profound dignity of her interviewees. While almost all confessed to dark moments of some sort - be it drink, depression or had fallen altogether. Nevertheless, it was an outstanding memorial both to those who died and to those who survived the day Tip Number 7 slid down the hillside.

If ever a programme cried out for an immediate repeat on BBC) it was this. But after last night, I'm not sure what sort of programme belongs on BBCl. Apart from being an over-long account of smuggling Kurdish refugees into Britain, Inside Story Special: Kartan's Brothers seemed to be an academic exercise in discovering just how small the channel's audience could become. Very, I would imagine.

With 30 minutes lopped off an asionishing 65-minute running time, the stury of how Karzan Krekar helped to get three of his brothers out of the so-called safe haven in northern Iraq might have merited more anention. But even then it would have left all sorts of

these was why Karzan Krekar arrested the brothers apparently came to be the central character, the narrator and the assistant director of the film?

Time and again, the film cried out for some independent input. What is British government policy towards the undoubtedly oppressed people of Kurdistan? How did the brothers' plight fit into the continuing political argument about asylum-seekers? Should the BBC be co-operating with people it knows to be entering, if nul Britain then the rest of the European Union, on false passports? None of these questions — nor indeed any questions that might have widened a video diary into a debate - was

kraine is currently having a rough time on television. Itwas the baddie in Deadly Voyage on Saturday night and it was the baddie again last night

only so that the Ukrainian mafia could then charge them \$10,000 to smuggle them out of the country.

So, when Rabbi Gordon jetted off in pursuit of errant husbands in Witness: Manhunter (Channel 4) there were no prizes for guessing where he was going to land. If this was Tuesday, it must be Kiev again. There was the basis for a good film here - rabbinical law in Israel means only a husband can give consent to a divorce, thereby causing all sorts of problems for his estranged wife by withholding it - but this was not that film.

By British secular standards, rabbinical law is sexist and anachronistic, so telling the story from the point of view of a rabbi rather than the wives was a mistake. Still, it's not every day you get subtitles such as "I only do divorces - wait for Rabbi Itzhak, he's just nipped out to slaughter a cow", is it?

BBCDE 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (21784) 7.00 BREAKFASTNEWS (Ceclar) (52055) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (5) (2306351) 9.45 KILROY (S) (2136332) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (21500) 11.00 NEWS and weather (6710351) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (5)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (1633239) 12.00 NEWS and weather (7286142) 12.05 PEW POLICE RESCUE, Sydney-based police drama (Ceetax)

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1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceetax) (s) (44229177) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF With Times columnist Alan Coren, Sandi Toksvig (5245) 2.30 A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY (5) (806) 3.00 INCOGNITO (S) (1852)

3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (6608531) 3.50 CHUCKLEVISION (1) (1557087) 4.10 GET YOUR OWN BACK (6860055) 4.35 THE DEMON HEADMASTER (Ceetax) (s) (1989608) 5.00 NEWSROUND (Ceelax) (2206351) 5.10 BLUE PETER (Ceefax) (s) (6239055)

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7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD Including new invention that claims to make chippan fires a thing of the past. With Howard Stableford (Ceetax) (s) (871)

8.00 BIG CAT DIARY Wildlife reports from Kenya's Masal Mara with Simon King and Jonathan Scott (5/5) (Ceetex) (s) (2581) 8.30 NEXT OF KIN Sit-com about a pair of reluctant grandparents, with Penelope Keith and William Geunt (4516)

9.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather

9.30 BECK When a recently widowed mai goes missing, his apparently unsympathetic daughter hires Beck (Amanda Redman) to investigata (3/6) (Ceelax) (s) (340185)

10.25 FILM: THE TERMINATOR (1984) Sci-fi thriller with Amold Schwarzenegger as a cyborg (part man, part machine) sent back from the future to kill a seemingly innocent woman. She is to be the mother of a rebel leader in a future war With Linds Hamilton, Paul Winfield and Michael Biehn, Directed by James Cameron (Ceelax) (270784)

12.05 am FILM: BIG JAKE (1971). Western starring John Wayne as the head of a large clan, who sets off to save his grandson from a violent gang. Also teaturing Wayne's son, Patrick, and Robert Mitchum's son, Chris. Directed by George Sherman (814036)

1.50 THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE: THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES The second debate between President Clinton and challenger Bob Dole (s)

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7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

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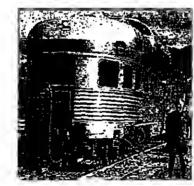
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STEADY, COOK (784) 5.00 OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (Ceetax) (9099500) MARY BERRY AT HOME Recipes for the busy cook (994595)

6,00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION 6.45 THEY WHO DARE (1) (406142)

7.00 TESTAMENT. THE BIBLE IN ANIMATION (Ceetax) (7603) made for the disabled by the

disabled (Ceetax) (s) (413) 8.00 DECISIVE WEAPONS: THE LONGBOW (Ceelex) (6351) 8.30 FAT LADIES: Mest (Ceelax) (s) (2158)



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10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceetax) (615177) 11.15 CHORAL EVENSONG (s) (127142) 12.00 THE MIONIGHT HOUR (s) (79140) 12.30mm-6.00 THE LEARNING ZONE

CHOICE

Testament - The Bible in Animation BBC2, 7,00pm

The collaboration between Wales and Russia which gave us animated Shakespeare turns its attention to the other book offered gratis in guests on Descri Island Discs. This new series, made parily in Cardiff and parily in Moscow, features nine favourile episodes from the Old Testament. For all its ingenuity the Shakespeare project could not hide the impressibility of compressing Hamlet or Orhello into half an hour. The Bible stories fit the format more happily, while allowing the individual animators to experiment in a wide variety of styles, Some of the treatments may not suit traditionalists and linle of the biblical language survives. But there is considerable talent on show, not least in tonight's version of the story of Moses typiced by Martin Jarvis) with its elongated designs and striking use of colour.

Decisive Weapons: The Longbow BBC2, 8.00pm

This latest excursion into military history goes back to the Middle Ages and celebrates the awesome power of the English longbow. With its ability to shoot through armour, chain mail and even trees it was, not unnaturally, feared throughout Europe. After a lesson in how the weapon was fashioned from the wood of a yew tree, the bulk of the film is a recreation of the longbow's greatest victory. This was at the banle of Agincourt in)4)5 where it helped the English under Henry V to defeat a French army five times bigger. Those who watched Richard Holmes's recent War Walks will know the story but it never stales by retelling. Robert Hardy, actor and archery enthusiast, is among the contributors and the programme plunders cinema versions of Agincourt by Olivier, Welles and Branagh.

Two Fat Ladies: Meat BBC2, 8.30pm

Overweight, over the top and over here, cooks Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright navigate their motorcycle and sidecar towards a posh girls' school in Gloucestershire. Their bantering cross-talk and attempts to break into song give the show an impromptu feel, offsetting obvious contrivance of much of the rest of it. The sheep which block their progress on a country lane may or may not be a set-up. The illness of the school cook, which leaves our duo to feed the school lacrosse team at short notice, most surely is. When the pair turn up at nearby Highgrove to buy some prime organic beel from the Prince of Wales, the only surprise is that HRH is not there to greet them. In contrast to their cooking, which looks terrific. Jennifer and Clarissa are very much a matter of taste.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9.00pm

For once in this series the thie is justified as the mountaineer Chris Bonington takes the train across the width of Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver. In contrast to other travellers we have met, he seems to enjoy railway travel and is not inclined to make okes about it. Admittedly the Canadian trains are on the huxurious side and, unlike their counterparts in Africa, are not prone to derailments. Bonington's two detours prove to be as rewarding as his main route. The first is due north from Toronto to the edge of the Arctic. For somebody who likes tranquillity, 2,000 miles with hardly a road or human being is heaven. The other diversion is to the Rockies. Here Bonington leaves the train, puts on his climbing boots and scales a challenging peak in the company of a man who was once Sylvester Stallone's stunt double. Peter Waymark

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8.25 HTV NEWS (Teletex) (624806) 6.50 SPORTSWEEK (608413)

7.20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Fenerbahce v Manchester United. Bob Wilson presents live coverage as Manchester Utd take on Turkish champions Fenerbahoe in their third Group C match. Manchester need to secure a win tonight in order to be in with a chance of leaturing in the querter-finals (Teletext) (74314805)

Subsequent programmes are subject to change and alteration



Maggie Norris plays Ctaire (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Des struggles to accept that Claire has been keeping 10.00 NEWS (Teletext) (11177)

her child in a car crash. When she becomes pregnant again, she cannot baby she lost (r) (Teletext) (s) (808790) Ajax v Rangers and Manchester United v

PATROL (20524) 1.15 GOD'S GIFT (133497) 2.15 CYBER.CAFE (41017) 2.45 DEAR NICK (5541659) 3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (1) (2785901) 4.20 SOUNO BITES (92702901) 4.35 THE TIME... THE PLACE (1) (s) (53476217) 5.00 THREE'S A CROWO (rt (s) (16814)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (727581) 10.40 CHILLER: Toby A young, pregnant woman blames herself when she loses

convince her husband or the doctors that she is being haunted by the spirit of the 11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS Fenerbahce (770993) 12.45am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY

5.30 MORNING NEWS (34123)

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6.50 THE REALLY HELPFUL PROGRAMME

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except

12.25-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7363245) 12.55 CORONATION STREET (3005887) 1.25-1.55 QUISINE (44493667)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (14582239) 2.25 VANESSA (27609332) 2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (2970090) 5,10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8106332)

6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (994993) 8.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (608413) CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55 HOME AND AWAY (3005887)

1.25 QUISINE (44493567) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44120852) 2.20 VANESSA (27600061) 2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (9701516)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8106332) 6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (624806) 6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (608413)

12.45am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (20524) 2.15 OEAR NICK (5280949) 3.10 IN FOCUS (3638104) 3.55 SOUND BITES (97230611) 4.05 LATE & LOUD (4474340)

5.00 JOBFINDER (8554307) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (5252814)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.55pm QUISINE (3005887) 1.25 HOME AND AWAY (44493587) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44120852) 2.50-3.20 SERVE YOU RIGHT (9701516) 5.10 HOME AND AWAY (8106332) 6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (621719)

6.20 PUT IT TO THE TEST (443413) 6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (608413) 5.00am FREESCREEN (16814)

S4C Starts: 6.35em SHARKY AND GEORGE 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (41993) 9.00 HERE'S ONE ! MADE EARLIER (25326)

9.30 YSGOLION (380697) 12.00pm WILD WEST COUNTRY (97090) 12.30 BACKDATE (39061) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (6956871) 1.35 FILM: THE GENTLE SEX (45174719) 3.15 MONTEL WILLIAMS (9646603)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (968) 5.00 5 PUMP (2535) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (332) 6.05 HENO (445871)

6.35 JACPOT (694210) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (818603) 7.25 DILYN CWYS (733626) 8.00 GWYN A'I FYD (8719) 8.30 NEWYDDION (4326) 9.00 CUTTING EDGE (9535) 10.00 BROOKSIOE (380719)

10.35 AMERICAN GOTHIC (720968) 11.30 CAROLINE IN THE CITY (84018) 12.00am HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET 12.55 FOUR MATIONS (6254746)

TO LANGE CO. 6.35am SHARKY ANO GEORGE (1)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (41993) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER Cookery (s) (25326)

9.30 SCHOOLS: Good Health 9.45 Book Box 10.00 Stage Two Science 10.15 Making Sense of Science 10.45 Breaking the Mould 11.07 Lost Animals 11.15 The Mix 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat 11.45 First Edition

12.00 WILD WEST COUNTRY (Teletext) [s] (97.090) 12.30pm BACKDATE (Teletext) 1.00 SESAME STREET (8847535)

1.55 BATTLE OF MIDWAY Oscar-winning film of war in the Pacific, Much of the (00tage was shot by John Ford (44224622) 2.20 FiLM: The Lamp Still Burns (b/w, 1943)

Granger. Life in a British hospital during the Second World War. Directed by Maurice Elvey (Teletext) (407993) 4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (Teletext) (s) (968)
4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (852)
5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (s) (2608535) 5.45 TRAVELOG TREKS

with Rosamund John and Stewart

(Telelext) (s) (331158) 6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (992535) 6.50 FRESH POP (s) (939055) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Taletext) (823351)

7.55 THE SLOT (599564) 8.00 BROOKSIDE The Simpsons have to face the alternath of the revelations about Nat and Georgia and recriminations begin to fly about the lamily's past (Teletext) (s) (8719)



8.30 MOVING PEOPLE Presented by John Peel. Three more households prepare to move, including a 75-year-old widower, Des Behan, who is leaving Britain after 56 years to return to his native Ireland (5/6) (Teleled) (s) (4326)

9.00 ELLEN (Telefed) (s) (1264) 9.30 THE LOVERS (Teletext) (s) (53697) 10.00 AMERICAN GOTHIC: Triangle (Teletext) (s) (2622)

11.00 RORY BREMNER ... WHO ELSE? (r) (Teletext) (s) (579061) 11.40 WEEKLY PLANET Jon Snow presents a new discussion programme. Tonight, he looks at the rise of modern day (slam (s) (1/8) (509332)

1.10am FILM: Dust Be My Destiny (b/w. 1939) with John Garfield. A wronglyconvicted man, who is sent to a work farm, falls in love and goes on the run. Directed by Lewis Seiler (841901) 2.50 FILM: Castle on the Hudson (b/w. 1940) with John Garlield A hoodlum given parole from jail takes the blame when his girlfriend kills a crooked lawyer.

For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable risannels, see the Directory, published un Saturday

7.00mm Undun (98871) 9.00 Press Your Luck (5961806) 9.20 Jeopardyl (2061993) 9.45 The Oprah Wintrey Show (3479993) 10.40 Real TV (2397974) 11,10 Safty Jessy Ranhard 2576677) 19 on Gerather (2576677) 19 on Gerather (2576677) Liphael (2676577) 12.00 Geraldo (78974) Liphael Che Io Three (45245) 3.00 Jenny Jones (84061) 4.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (33388) 5.00 Star Tick. The Next Generation (1448) 0.00 The New Adven-Caucht in the Act (24177) 9.00 The Culti-Lmits (31413) 10.00 Sur Tres: The Neot Generation (34500) 11.00 The New Adventures of Supermis (81535) 12.00 Midnight Caffer (58814) 1.00em LAPD (331041 1.30 Real TV (40982) 2.00 Hir Mb Long Play

7.00pm Ster Tret. Deep Space Nine (4183535) 8.00 Telower (4096055) 0.00 od and Orchids (4099142) 11.00 Late Show, with David Letterman [1129784] 12.00 FILM: The Idolmaker [2846098] 2 2.00 Hs Mix Long Play (3153814) SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on SKY MOVIES

6.00am & Flea in Her Ear (1968) (56142) 8.00 Plying Down to Rio [1933] (39061) 10.00 Rudyerd Kipling's the Jungle Book (1994) (97055) 12.00 Adolf Hitter: 2.00pm The Bule Bird (1976) (2985.2) 4.00 The Enemy Within (1994) (73603) 7.30 El Festures (6041) 9.00 Rudyard Kip-tirsts the Jungle Book (1994) (13061) 11 [2] No Escape (1993) (58500) 12.00 Prehide to Love [1995) (6063) 1.30am How I Won the War (1967) (202123) 3.20 Year of the Dragon (1985) (81683901)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am Stella [1950] (56413) 7.30 Bat-men: Mask of the Phantasm (1983) (42264) 9.00 Hans and the Silver Skates (1994) (39264) 10.00 Crack Up (1946) (95697) 12.00 Homartic Undertwiding (1965) (64326) 2.00pm Two Years Before the Mast (1946) (29622) 4.00 Bugs Burny Superster (1975) (7522 6.00 Holiday on the Buses (1973) (16158) 8.00 Keys (1994) (71603) 10.00 Speechesas (1994) (540055) 11.40 Bud Boy Bubby (1994) (968719) 1.35am After Mildright (1980) (594384) 3.10 The Advantures of the Flying Pickle (1993) (610369) 4.55 Hans and the Silver Skates (1994) (2153630) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Dammed Don't Cryl (1950) (3516) 5.55 How to Steel a Million (1965) (517500) 8.00 Supermen III (1983) (8535) 10.00 Papillon (1973) (61245) 12.35mm Uforle (1960) (802551) 12.10 To Be of the to Re. (1962) Not to Be (1963) (728) Shall We Dance? (1937) (42475) THE OISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over et 10pm. 6.00am Bonkers (3550559) 6.25 Mouse Tracks (4005644) 6.50 Darkwry Duck 15505059 7.15 O.ch Allack (8596)361

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7.00am Sports Centre (18603) 7.30 Wies-iting Mena (82905) 8.30 Horse Racing (35906) 9.00 Sports Centre (25156) 9.30 Aerobics (53177) 10.00 The Footbaffers'

Footbal Show (26622) 11.00 Sector Asia Report (13156) 12.00 Aerobes (3962) 12.30pm Saccer The World at Their Feel

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12.30am Fotostranism (22177)

GRANADA PLUS 6.00em Rurwey (4011974) 6.30 Tickle on the Turn (16895413) 6.45 1-2-3 Got (60247051) 7.00 Allsons (2417055) 7.15 Tickle on the Turn (6744264) 7.30 Gratham's Aris (2402158) 9.00 Classes Coronation Street (9078332) 8.30 Rurwey (90776031 9.00 Fermies (9995055) 9.30 Crown Court Special (1271332) 10.00 On the Big Hist Evenes (2931326) 10.30 The Brothers Special (12/13/27) 10,00 Of the Brothers Everest (29/13/26) 10,30 The Brothers McGregor (89912/39) 11,00 Jeeves and Wooster (22/18/06) 12,00 Alters of the Wooster (2311906) 12.30pm Classic Coronation Street (1282446) 1.00 Crown Court (2215622) 1.30 Families (1281719) 2.00 Within These Walls (2932055) 3.00 The Brothers McGregor (7922581) 3.30 Disgues (5563087) 4.00 All for Love (5366388) 5.15 Families 15684690 8.00 The Doctor Series in Charge 2 (386845) 1. The Doctor Series, in Charge 2 (3668451) 6.30 Classic Coronation Street (1017901) Ariam Crown Coun Special (7010790; 7.30)
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From 11,00pm-2.00em Men and Motors



Jurgen Prochnow and Sting in Dune (Sci-Fi Channel, 8.00pm)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street.

Includes consume news and leatures and Your Stars presented by Russell Gram From 9,00-12,00 Feed and Wine. Includes recipes and lides, from Deta Smith on 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. From 2.00-6.00 Home and Garden.
Includes The Good Life Style Guide THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Bography Princes of Wates (849)968) S.00 Deny of the Last Fernes (2623806) 0.00 Battle of the Affaniac (3610061) 7.00-8.00 Biography Man at Committee (86100618) Sea Week (8010535) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL Films, leatures and classic series every day from Spor-Kam Monday to Wi-dresday and from 8pc-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1em-4am Thursday to Sunday on sabile, and from 8em-4am every day on sabile, 9.00pm PILM: Dune [7337/61] 11.00 Friday the 13m [848/784] 12.00 The Incredible Hulk (5016475) 1.00em-4.00

TLC/DISCOVERY 9.00am The Joy of Parting (728697) 9.30 The Garden Show (1339513) 10.00 Two's County (4535515) 10.50 The House (7275581) 11.00 Homensker (5927351) 11.30 Carloto (5827553) 12.00 Julia Child (7352051) 12.30pm Graham Kerr (2251149) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (7320351) 120 Home Agent with Selvice (100000) JS251149] 1.00 Yan Can Cook (73:0351)
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House with Steve and Norm (56:41974)
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Eise: Project M1.11 (7834500) UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (7827210) 7.38 Give Us A Clue (7919245) 8.00 Neighbours (5980264) 8.25 EastEnders (5467887) 9.00 The 84

(7288055) 8.30 The Sutivans (9559531) 10.00 Big Deal (7915429) 11.00 Bulseye 2.55 Got Some In! (9703871) (63234805) 2.55 (30) Some in (970597) 2.30 The Ball (564332) 4.00 Casually (5915061) 5.00 Butteryo (865029) 5.30 What a Carry Onl (5842603) 6.00 Tellysted (5649516) 6.30 EastEnders (5316552) 7.05 Ken Dodd's World of Laughter (6157622) 7.46 East Ven. Act. 69755721 9 50 Carrier 7.55 Furny You Ask (8975974) 8.25 On the Up (1505535) 0.00 Taggar | 10951897) 10.05 The Bd (5793429) 10.40 The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perin (8424803) 11.20 The Best of Top of the Pops (7942622) 12.05am Fillat Tiger Bay (2649494) 1.50 Shooping at Night (21932659) TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (1855121) 6.20 Cyberner (2009069) 2.45 Degrassi Junior High (302516) 7.15 Ready or Not (339429) 7.45 Castomis Dreams (256500) 8.15 Sweet Valley High (87635) 8.45 An Attack (550498) 8.00 Timy TCC (1/4d) 3.00am); Tiny end Crew (9893156) 9.20 Mr Bern (980662) 9.40 Teodry Trucks (4896603) 9.50 Towiser (489887) 10.00 Drobabbes (69790) 11.30 Jim Henson's Animel Show (77719) 12.00 Berner (66790) 12.30 pm Osasi's Orchesing (94061) 1.00 Caspar and Friends (10142) 1.30 Tiny and Crew (45434887) 1.55 Mr Bern (77293806) 2.20 Towiser (86705522) 2.30 Christopher Croscolle (3432216) 2.40 Bertha (991550) 3.00 Degrassi Junor High (7652) 3.30 Ready or Degrassi Junior High (7652) 3.30 Ready or Not (4065) 4.00 California Dreams (9790) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High [5974] NICKELODEON

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(86982) 12.30mm Fads in the Hall (71104) 1.00 Due South (50982) 2.00 Entertainment

Tonight (88253) 2.30 Dr Katz (39508) 3.00-4.00 Nightstand (34104) BRAVO

12.00 Fantesy Island (3953992) 1.00pm Remington Steels (7658500) 2.00 Randall and Hoplurk (Deceased) (4450671) 3.00 Land of the Glante (5921822) 4.00 FILM: The World of Henry Orlent (8940805) 0.00 Joe 90 (5561794) 8.30 Ceptain Scarlet SESPECK 200 Land Cartain Scarlet GS58264) 7.00 Moximy (210989) 8.00 (558264) 7.00 Moximy (210989) 8.00 Remington Steele (210413) 6.00 Starsky and Hutch (2106177) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Rayon (5620993) UK LIVING

8.00cm Kilroy (6396264) 7.00 The Agony Expenence (6834697) 7.25 Super Fresco Fabulosous (1330603) 7.30 The Young and the Restless (9617871) 8.20 Della Smith's Cookery Course (1081142) 8.55 Turnator. (2639808) 9.35 Call the Doctor (5776719 10.00 Super Fresco Fabulosious (1595974 10.05 The Jerry Springer Show (8689332) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (8902413) 11.55 Brookside (72562239) 12.25pm Trival Pursuit (46807185) 12.50 Gabrielle (9370142) 1.40 Rolonda (7311968) 2.30 The Agony Experience (7761061) 3.00 Live at Three (7912500) 4.00 Who's Sory Now? (7689413) 4.30 Telkabout (4807559) 5.05 Lingo (92334326) 5.30 Lindy Ladders (7772177) 6.00 Bewisched (7762790) 6.30 Ready, Steady. Cook (1457891) 7.05 Brookside (2599719) 7.25 Super Fresco Fabuloscous (6316210) 7.40 Transl Pursuit (8019351) 8.00 General Practise (1594326) 9.00 FILM: Portunit of a Showghi (63193993) 10.50 Enterlainm Now! (4757581) 10.55 Sex Life (82628 11.25-12.00 More Sex Life (4586784)

FAMILY CHANNEL 5.00pm Blockbusters (9897) 5.30 Treasure Hurri (69852) 6.30 Calchphrase (7719) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (\$061) 7.30 Sweet Justice (87887) 8.30 Rising Damp (2036) 0.00 Bergerac (11897) 10.00 The Ruth Rendell Mystenes (14784) 11.00 Cmly When Hencel Mysteres; 147491 / 1.00 Unity When Laugh (88971) 11.30 Home to Roost (7248) 12.00 Moonlighting (38096) 1.00mm Bergerac (22758) 2.00 Sweet Justice (12625) 3.00 Moonlighting (70920) 4.00 All Togsther Now (55849) 4.30-5.00 The Black Stallion (94253) The 24 hour music channel trickdes news, reviews, live concert toolage, interviews and the latest music video charts from

the USA and Europe The video hits channel, Classic rock and

ZEE TV 7.00mm Jacgran (97581790) 7.30 Life Style East (39369993) 8.30 Positive Health Show (58847041) 8.00 Bengali Sengi. Kagajer Bou (59893121) 9.30 Hit Thi Hit Hei (34341966) 10.00 Tera (97493581) 11.00

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Continuous cartoons from Spen to 9pm, then TNT films as below. 9.00pm Hot Millions [1968) (76626413) 11.00 Light in the Piazza (1962) [41195535] 12.45am The Angry Hills [1959] (33646340) 2.35-5.00 Hot Millions

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Elvin Johes Jezz Mechine (1583210) 8.00 Are (7691806) 8.30 Mo-zan's Mindain (40425516) 10.46 Stravinsky's Fairy's Kiss (1938413) 11.30 Aria (1845697) 12.00-1.00am Bonnie Koloc 12,00-1,00am Borriso

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Fenerbahce offer hospitable welcome but stern examination

United facing friendly fire

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN ISTANBUL

WHEN Manchester United step out into Asia to play a European Cup Champions' League match at 9,30 local time here tonight, they will be advancing into a garden of light. The name Fenerbahçe alludes to the club's origins on the site of a former lighthouse. which lies on the eastern side of the Bosphorus, and thus brings Asia into the remit of European club football.

Things are pleasant here, which will surprise anyone expecting a repetition of past hostilides, notably when Eng-land played in Izmir, and when Manchester United twice visited Istanbul to play Galatasaray and were greeted with placards reading; "Wel-come to Hell."

The Turkish people, and the Fenerbahçe club in particular, have done everything possible to soothe the waters and to ensure that this encounter will be bathed in proper sporting

Ajax's new home Defiant Sunderland ..

friendship, even though no one is pretending that it is less than a vital contest, or that the 26,200 Fenerbahçe supporters who will fill the ground 'a capacity will be anything less than fanatical in support of their "Canaries" against what they consider to be a giant of Europe. Manchester United, limp-

ing into the stadium for training last night, had several players tentatively hoping to persuade Alex Ferguson, their manager, of their match fitness. Gary Pallister, his sore back having kept him out of the game against Liverpool last weekend, is the manager's biggest doubt. But Ferguson says that Ryan Giggs is struggling with a calf strain and that Paul Scholes, David May and Jordi Cruyff have an assortment of niggles. They did train yesterday, but the verdict usually comes with the awakening the next morning.

One man whose place is in no doubt, despite his admis-



Ferguson was quick to defend Cantona, the out-of-form Manchester United captain, on the eve of the match against Fenerbahçe yesterday

performance against Liverpool had been among the worst of his life, is the United captain, Eric Cantona, Indeed, Ferguson grew irritated yesterday when questioned about him. "Are you telling me there is some player in the world who has been magnificent all his life? Is that what you are trying to tell me? Listen. Eric will be playing tomorrow."

Ferguson's explanation for ona's lapse in form, his sion over the weekend that his indifference to the team effort

last Saturday, when he strayed out to the left wing, was that, because France no longer pick him, Cantona had to train almost alone in Manchester recently, the others being away for nearly a formight on international duty, with the exception of David May.

Sebastiao Lazaroni, the Brazilian who coaches Fenerbahçe, also spoke in with a slightly mischievous aside. Cantona is a fine player, Lazaroni enthused. "He is Manchester United's captain and I appreciate him a lot even if, sometimes, he disappears during games. When he does do something it

is often something special." Lazaroni, like his predecessor in charge of the Turkish club, Carlos Alberto Parreira, is not exactly a guardian angel of the beautiful game. He coached the 1990 Brazil World Cup side. Parreira coached the 1994 World Cup winners, and both are of the school of pragmatists who have tried to add order and defensiveness to Brazil's game. So, unsur-

prisingly, Lazaroni spoke yesterday of "concentrating 100 per cent during the game because Manchester United have players in the front line. on the flanks and even from midfield who can penetrate very fast. Our first job is to neutralise these dangers."

Fenerbahçe's league record suggests that neutralising is second nature to them. They have conceded only six goals in Il games this season, and let in only 19 in 34 last term. And, as Peter Schmeichel will know, it is not an excitable defence that responds to the religious fervour of Turkish crowds. Jes Hogh, who has played 29 times for Denmark in front of Schmeichel, is an eloquent talker on and off the field, a calm player.

"We have to win four points out of these two games against Manchester United," Hogh reasoned, "Or else our chance of qualifying behind Juventus in the group is gone."

Both sides agree on that: both Ferguson and Lazaroni Juventus to be the leading team in the group, and concede that they are effectively playing one another for second place. When that place can earn upwards of £7 million, it is not surprising that there are tensions around the camps, despite the calming weather and the best intentions of everyone not to lapse

into hysterical nationalism. United players and officials admit that they would settle for a draw tonight, given their unbeaten record in European games al Old Trafford. However, though Fenerbahçe reputedly think of themselves as a smaller club, do not be fooled. Founded at the turn of the century, either by two

English families or by students of the French college of St Joseph — depending on which page of history you turn Fenerbahçe have gathered many years of experience.

They expend no mean wealth on recruiting worldly talent. Apart from Hogh, they have two Africans: the central defender. Uche Okechukwu, and, in midfield, Augustine Okocha, a mercurial Nigerian witch and bemuse, And their attack comprises Elvir Bolic, a Bosnian now oaturalised in Turkey who has scored !! goals in nine games this season, and Emil Kostadinov, the Bulgarian who can be unforgivingly sharp, or down-right nasty. Fenerbahçe

believe that they must stand up and beat United tonight. And for United? This, surely, is a time to go gentle, but not meek, into the night.

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Rangers seek to earn the right of reply

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN AMSTERDAM

AS IF wounding results in Europe were not bad enough, Rangers have had to endure cutting words this season. Even Valeri Gazzayev, the coach of Alania Vladikavkaz, thrashed 10-3 on aggregate by the Ibrox club in the preliminary round of the European Cup, felt free to produce some disparagement after the first leg of the tie. The invective, however, has grown more marked with each game that

Another manager, Christian Gross, criticised Rangers' attitude after Grasshopper-Club's 3-0 victory in the opening match of the Champions' League. Louis van Gaal did not even wait until after Ajax's meeting with the Scottish club, at the Amsterdam Arena this evening, before maligning his opponents. He had been unimpressed by Rangers when watching them lose 2-1 to Hibernian on Saturday.

The Ajax coach castigated Brian Laudrup and Paul Gascoigne, saying that "they played for themselves and not for the team". Already beaten by Grasshopper and Auxerre, Rangers require at least a draw tonight to revive their prospects of qualifying for the quarter-finals, but they also seek the means of rebuking those adversaries who have portrayed them as the dull-

ards of European football.

Van Gaal's disapproval of
Laudrup and Gascoigne was inevitable, given that his own vision of excellence places more emphasis on tactical intelligence than individualism. However, in rallying a Rangers squad savaged by injuries, the manager, Walter Smith, gave a pointed endorsement of those two players. "Any team with a Laudrup and a Gascoigne in it has got to have a chance," he

The Dane responded to Van Gaal's opinions like a man who has heard, and ignored, such accusations many times before. "You have to do what you are best at," Laudrup said. "Paul Gascoigne is very good at creating things and taking

The Rangers manager had a more antagonistic reply. "It seems that every coach we have faced this season has had some adverse comment to make," Smith said. "If that's his opinion then it is a respected one because he has had a lot of success, but maybe the effort of keeping that success going is one of the reasons he is leaving."

Van Gaal's team has indeed been floundering and he has confirmed that he will take up a post with a foreign club next ason. It is assumed that he is to form a partnership with Bobby Robson at Barcelona. In the meantime his great achievements with Ajax, who won the European Cup in 1995 and reached the final last season, are being superseded by recrimination.

Ajax's form, since seeing Michael Reiziger and Edgar Davids move to AC Milan. under the Bosman ruling, without compensation, has been flimsy and they are at present a mid-table team in the Dutch league. In Europe they have lost successive matches at home in the Champions' Cup, being beaten 1-0 both by Auxerre, in Septem-

ber, and by Panathinaikos in the first leg of their semi-final last season.

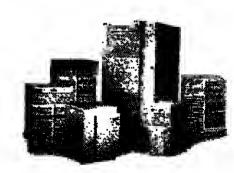
Van Gaal's mood has not been helped by the likely absence this evening of the injured Jari Llimanen and Patrick Kluivert, as well as the veteran Danny Blind, who will be unavailable for months after undergoing surgery. Rangers' difficulties, though, are even more extensive and Laudrup could be the only recognised forward fit to play

this evening. The team may even lack the reassuring excellence of Andy Goram, as the goalkeeper is troubled by a hip injury. The party taken to Amsterdam bristles, of necessity, with youngsters such as Gra Shields, Paul McKnight, Steven Boyack and Brian McGinty. So great is Smith's predicament that he might yet be forced to field one of them before this evening is over.

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partial to purple prose, but read these lines from the football correspondent of El

Pais: "This boy, with the body DOWN of a mastiff, the looks of a Be carried (4) lamb and the teeth of a bunny 2 Statement of money owed rabbit, is one of those mutations that happens when the tn which one is naked (8.4) Dignitary (6) Widely-accepted principle

Gods play dice."

Try this offering next, from the man from the ABC newspaper, who is presumably trying to describe magic to his readers: "He creates art each time he touches the ball, and instead of football boots he seems to wear two large baskets, from which a while rabbit could leap out at any time." The writer from El Mundo, by comparison, is prosaic. "He has the power of an American quarterback and the lungs of a German midfield player. He is a species of deca-footballer. He is the

The object of this veneration, the idol of every footballwatching Spaniard, is Ron-aldo. This 20-year-old from Brazil has so entranced Spain that comparisons with Di Stefano, Maradona, even Pelé, are now made almost daily in the press. He cost Barcelona 2.500 million pesetas (about £125 million), a sum which, after seven goals in seven league games and an Brazil now taking Barcelona by storm

equal number handed on a plate to his grateful team-mates, looks like the Spanish equivalent of the snip of the There is another reason

why Spain has, recently, gone absolutely loco for Ronaldo. He has, according to observ-ers here, just scored one of the greatest goals of all time, one that ranks alongside Mara-dona's unforgettable bewitch-ing of England's defence in Mexico in 1986 It happened last Saturday,

in Barcelona's game against lowly Compostela. Ronaldo won possession just inside his own half, and in ten sublime seconds — in which he touched the ball 14 dimes, beat seven men, rode kicks and shoves and onlis at his shirt he scored a goal that had the normally composed Bobby Robson, the Barcelona manager, leaping from the bench and clutching his head in disbelief.

The goal has since been replayed on Spanish television on every possible occasion. That goal marks his apotheosis," Jose Luis Núñez. the Barcelona president, said. Robson, purring, said: "Ron-

aldo has shown that he is the best young footballer in the world, and comparable to Pele. I could take that goal around the world and I'd be sure that no one has seen anything better."

The former England manager has reason, also, to be grateful to his Brazilian prodigy, for it has made his life a blissful one. With a player like Ronaldo in his squad, he has but two choices: either to ensure that the team plays around him, or attempt to integrate his talent into a



more complex plan. Robson, nakedly, has gone for the first Barcelona's tactics this season have been to defend in the

hope that Ronaldo will eventually launch himself at the opponents' goal and score. He has, so far, carried this plan on the back of his prodigious talent. But the rest of the team has been lacklustre, and Barcelona have conceded goals in every game. Even Composte la, 50 down and bewildered Ronaldo's sorcery, were able to score once.

Yet, as long as Ronaldo keeps scoring, Robson is un-worried. Only one defender has so far been able to tie him down: Cesar Gomez, of Tener ife. After that match, a shattered Gómez said: "Marking him is the most difficult job in the world. I just prayed a lot and ran my socks off. I was

Many would say he was, as the referee ought to have sent him off for at least two of his are learning, however, that this boy-ox can take punishment without flinching. His powerful physique makes him impossible to disturb. That plus his pace, his feints, his accuracy with both feet and his emerging genius, make him a one-man team in

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